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Tai Po	7.16	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.50	5.09	6.04	7.34
Tai Po Market	7.21	9.54	11.09	12.39	1.55	5.14	6.09	7.39
Fanning	7.32	10.05	11.19	12.48	2.05	5.24	6.19	7.48
Shung Shui	7.38	10.07	11.22	12.52	2.07	5.25	6.20	7.50
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Fanning	7.32	8.16	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	5.24	6.19
Tai Po Market	7.42	8.26	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	5.34	6.29
Tai Po	7.46	8.30	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	5.38	6.33
Shatin	7.59	8.43	11.17	12.21	3.38	4.55	5.51	6.46
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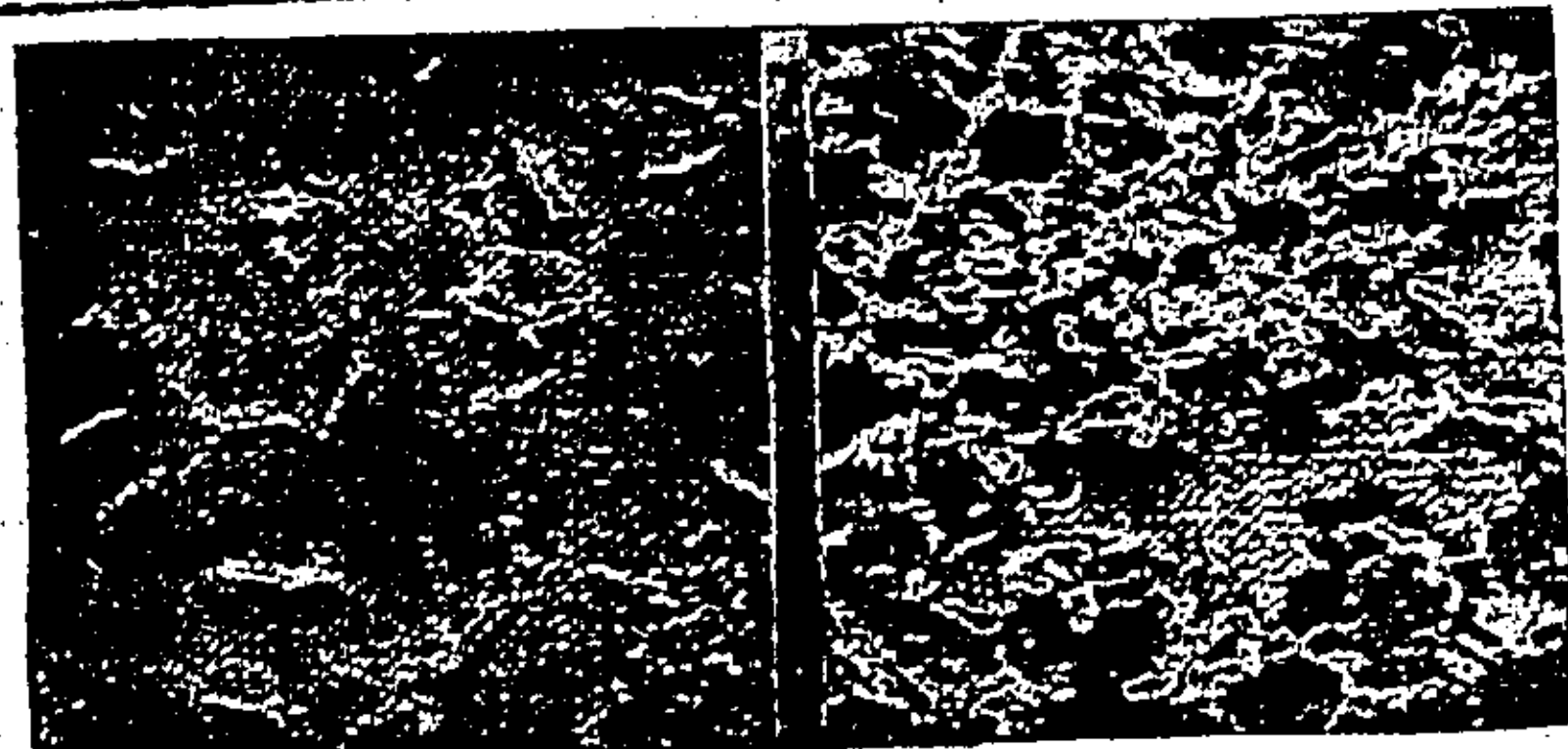
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(FROM THE Peking, CORRESPONDENT OF
"THE TIMES.")

What war means to the Chinese in the provinces is something beyond belief. Cold-blooded politics, national hatred, revenge, and such motives were responsible for horrible atrocities in the European war, but there is no comparison between the circumstances of that struggle and the chaotic conditions here. Chinese brigands and troops when they break loose on a countryside are not compelled by passion or politics to deal with their fellows. They have no motive but loot, and in pursuit of it they display a fiendish cruelty and a destructive wantonness worthy of savages of the lowest degree.

The following account of doings in Honan, from the pen of a missionary correspondent, appeared in the *Central China Post*, a reputable foreign paper published in Hankow, and there is no reason to suppose that the writer has indulged in exaggeration, for similar things have been common in China in recent years. As we know, Hu Chung Yi has been appointed Military Governor of Honan—Tuchun having become a discredited title, the word used in these days is Tuli or Tuting or Tupan—and on arriving into the province with his soldiers found himself confronted by another personage named Kan Yu Kuan, a military commander suddenly arisen during the troubled time following the defeat of Wu Pei Fu. Each of these two men has an army of nearly 50,000 men, and they are disputing control of the province, it being no restraint on Kan Yu Kuan that his adversary is the nominee of the Government. The Governor and the would-be Governor being engaged on a campaign for supremacy, the territory at stake has become a paradise for brigands.

WITH FIRE AND SWORD.

A large band of these gentry marched into the city of Juchow 50 miles west of the Peking-Hankow Railway and a similar distance south of Loyang. They stayed 19 days robbing the wealthy and middle-class people, and when they left they shared some of the loot with the poor of the city. They next moved 20 miles east to Kiahien, which resisted vigorously, but the usual thing happened, and the attackers, assisted by traitors within, scaled the city walls at night and obtained full possession. They signalled their entry by butchering hundreds of the inhabitants. In one well were found the corpses of 42 men, women, and children who in terror of the invaders had drowned themselves. The brigands spent a month in Kiahien, and a few days after they left the writer visited the place and his own words tell the tale:

It is impossible to describe the devastation, the wanton destruction, the devilish brutality exhibited everywhere. The city is just an empty shell of mud and brick houses, many of these ruined beyond repair. Everything of any value was taken and what they could not take they destroyed. Furniture, doors, and windows they used in lieu of fuel to keep themselves warmed and fed.

Mission (Lutheran) property suffered severely, and after spending a day smashing an iron safe, the brigands were so furious to find it empty of anything of value that they set fire to the house. Strangely enough, the missionaries and their converts were protected, testimony that the prestige of the foreigner is not entirely destroyed, even in this lawless region.

The most remarkable and the outstanding fact in this dreary story of murder and rape and wanton destruction is the way the Christians have been spared serious suffering and death, while their heathen neighbours have experienced the tortures of hell. During all these weeks of robber outrages on a large section of our field, there is no record of a single Christian being killed or seriously injured. This is most remarkable and a clear testimony to the power of prayer and intercession and the keeping grace of God.

When the brigands captured Kiahien one of the robber chiefs made his headquarters at the mission station. He ordered all the Christians to be assembled at the mission station and to be kept there and he would see to it that no harm would befall them. About 500 persons, men, women, and children, who all claimed they were Christians, while formerly many of them had scorned that name, now sought this place of refuge.

This was the only place in the city where there was any order, where murder, rape, and pillage were not the rule of the day. Meanwhile conditions were becoming unbearable even in this place of refuge. Think of hundreds of persons crowded into a chapel and a couple of school-rooms, shut in day after day. Two babies were born and three persons died during this time. Finally the evangelists and the school teachers prevailed upon the robber chief to permit the majority of the Christians to get away. The robber chief himself, with a body-guard, escorted them out of the city. This to me appears as much of a miracle as Peter escaping out of the prison as related in Acts XII.

The brigands have now all been taken into Kan Yu Kuan's army, according to reports. His regular soldiers are now patrolling the city of Kiahien and are acting fairly decently. The people are gradually emerging out of their hiding places and returning to their homes. But when they find nothing but their empty houses, and these often ruined, a feeling of hopelessness settles over them and they just sit down and cry. Truly, their plight is pitiable.

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families had escaped, they dug up the
remains, knowing full well that the re-
latives would rather redeem the dead
than the living. Unspeakable instances
of torture are given. One of the leading
gentry received a letter with his son's
ear enclosed, threatening if money was
not forthcoming the other ear would
follow. In another wealthy scion's home
they found only the aged grandmother.
They first lashed her black and blue and
then they poured hot water into her ears
till she died. Others had oil poured on
their clothes and were then set on fire.
Still others were branded with hot irons.

A DEATH TRAP.

The brigands next made for Yuchow,
only 15 miles from the railway. This
city was strongly held by troops who
demanded a large payment from the
Chamber of Commerce as the price for
protection. When this was refused the
soldiers mutinied, burned a large section
of the city, and looted nearly all the
shops and houses. A missionary and his
wife escaped over the wall.

The Red Spear Society and the city
militia gave determined resistance to the
soldiers. The struggle raged wildly for
three days till the soldiers were re-
inforced by a battalion from Hsuehchow,
when the soldiers just slaughtered the
Red Spears and the militia, who had no
way of escape from the death trap of a
walled-in city. The latest report to
hand is that over 7,000 were killed. The
mission station was not touched.

This is the sort of thing that has
happened recently not only at the
Places specified, but at many other
cities, towns, and villages in East and
West Honan. They are characteristic of
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influence is not widely established. It
would be unfair to generalize about the
conduct of Chinese troops, for they can
be very well-behaved when the circum-
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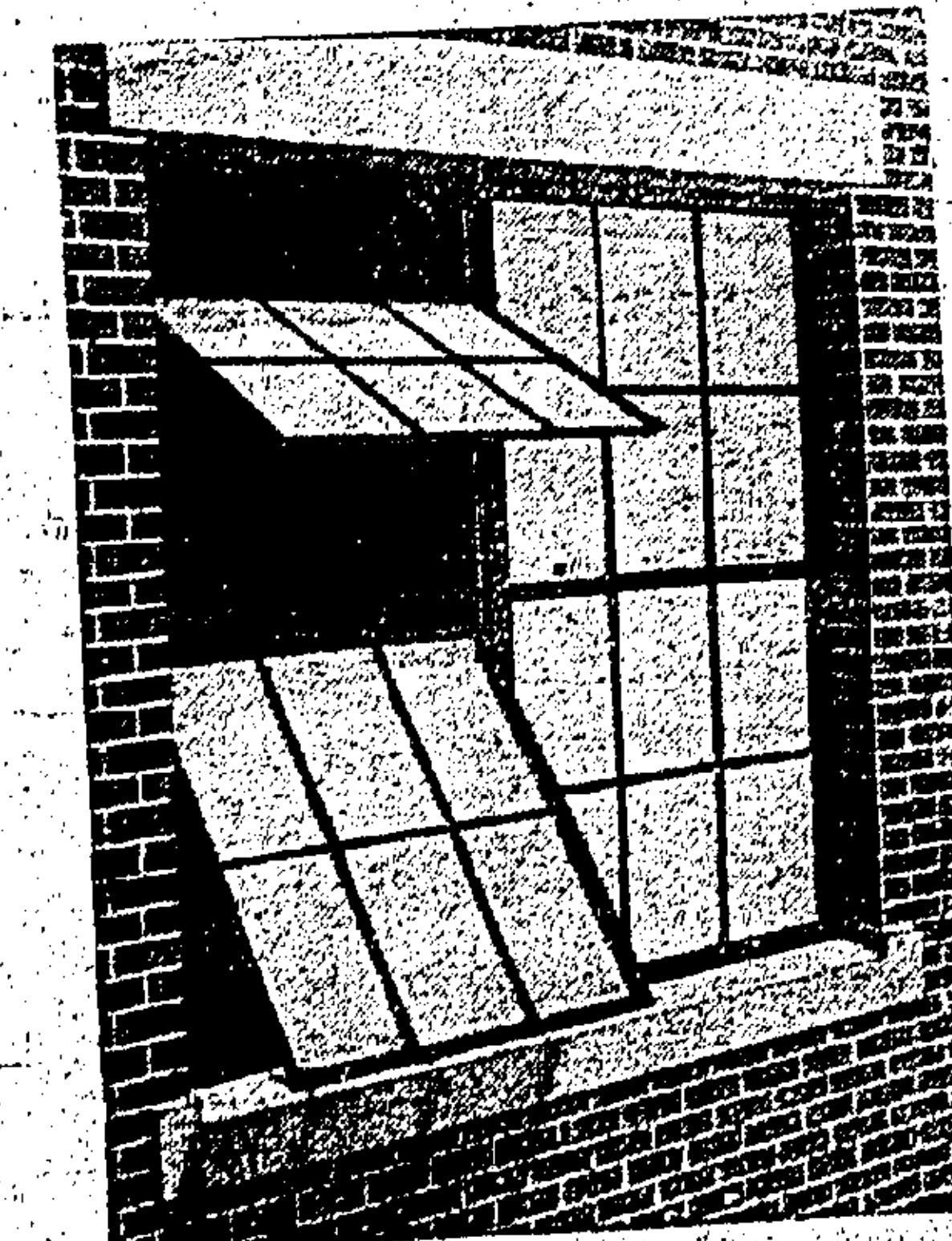
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UNEMPLOYMENT IN U.K.

THE INCREASES ON 1924 FIGURES.

The Ministry of Labour's figures, published last month, showed that there are 1,219,200 people registered as unemployed, or 153,089 more than during the corresponding week of 1924. A representative of *The Daily Telegraph* who sought an explanation of this remarkable increase, approximately a fifth of the total, was officially informed that it was partly due to the state of trade, and partly to influences due to legislation. Last August the Labour-Socialist Government amended the law in relation to unemployment insurance, and, in the words of an official, it offered additional inducements to people to register. In particular it made workers unemployed by reason of strikes in which they were not strictly practising eligible for benefit, and it presented that people out of work need wait only three months instead of six, before they were qualified to draw money from the Employment Exchanges. From July to October last there was a rise of 150,000 in the unemployment figures, and Mr. Shaw, the then Minister of Labour, told the House that about half that number could be attributed to the incidence of the amending Act. No new figures have been taken out, but in regard to the returns just issued it is believed that this proportion would still roughly apply.

By far the greater number of the 1,219,200 people now out-of-work will be in receipt of benefit, and this is the word which the Labour Ministry prefers to use in place of what is popularly known as the "dole." "It is time," said an official, "that the Press tried to squish that offensive word altogether." For justification of this he referred to the two classes of unemployment benefit. One is the standard benefit, and is payable to those who have paid all their weekly contributions, and who are thus entitled to it as a matter of right. The other is described as extended benefit, and is paid to those who have exhausted the benefit their contributions entitled them to, but who are allowed to mortgage the future, as it were, until their long spell of adversity ends and they are able to resume their contributions again. In this class are many genuine cases, and if it also includes the cold-drawers of the "waster" type, it was pointed out that these are being sifted by the almost daily prosecutions instituted by the Ministry. Even the "waster" it was further added, must have been a contributor at some time or other in order to be eligible, and as to the allegation that servants prefer to draw benefit rather than enter domestic service, it was pointed out that domestic servants as such are outside the unemployment insurance scheme altogether.

Examining the increase of 153,089 in relation to trades, it is found that the bulk of it may be attributed to the plight of the miners, for within a year the unemployment in that industry has risen by almost exactly 100,000. Shipbuilding, iron and steel, woollen manufacture, and the distributing trades, as well as the roll to a greater or lesser degree, whereas engineering and cotton are among the industries in which an improvement has been reported. From the latest official statistics there are taken the following instructive figures on the state of unemployment in a wide group of trades:—

	Feb. 1924.	Feb. 1925.
Building	92,057	84,589
Coal mining	31,073	131,108
Cotton	90,382	38,390
Distributing trades	89,839	104,291
Engineering	116,855	83,815
Iron and steel	38,977	52,784
Linens	8,028	15,824
Motor trades	17,203	14,584
Shipbuilding	80,867	84,253
Woolens	18,142	35,124

No fewer than 84,589 men in the building trades are shown in this table to be out-of-work, and at first sight the figure is startling. Closer analysis shows, however, that 28,491 of them were labourers, and 23,075 painters affected by seasonal depression in their occupation. Last month there were 3,588 carpenters, 1,081 bricklayers, 922 masons, 284 plasterers, and 230 joiners registered as unemployed, and the explanation given is that these may include the older men and those who draw benefit during the short intervals between one job and another, a thing they have every inducement to do now that the out-of-work qualification period has been reduced to three days instead of a week.

LUCKY CONTRACTOR.

STRIKES TIN ORE AT KUALA LUMPUR.

Mr. S. Karuppiah, a contractor in Kuala Lumpur, has been very fortunate in connection with work which he undertook for the Electrical Department relating to the proposed new power station in Bungan Road, says the *Malay Mail*. He began the work some three months ago, and had dug about ten feet when he came across tin ore. He approached the Government in the matter and representatives from the Mines Office inspected the place and, as a result, the Government now claims 50 per cent. of the value of the tin won.

It is understood that the contractor has offered the Government 25 per cent. Negotiations are still in progress.

It is believed that there is a fair quantity of tin in the land, and this has necessitated the erection of gravel pumps and other apparatus to finish the remaining ten feet which has to be dug to complete the contract.

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COMPARISON BETWEEN CHINESE
AND JAPANESE.Following is a comparison between
conditions in a representative Japanese
cotton mill and a representative Chinese
mill, both in Shanghai:—

JAPANESE COTTON MILL.

Wages. Maz. Min.

Spinners: Men \$44.00 per month \$0.38 per day.

Women 28.00 " " 0.38 " "

Weavers: Men 0.85 " day. 0.20 " "

Women 0.85 " " 0.38 " "

Hours of labour: 11 hours per day.

Wages are paid once a fortnight.

The number of looms per weaver is two.

The Japanese mill-owners report that

as a condition of the settlement of the

recent strike no further fines are to be

levied. Until the settlement, there were

fines for smoking on the premises and

for damage to machinery. For the latter

the management attempted to impose a

fine of about 10 per cent. of the amount

of the damage done.

CHINESE COTTON MILL.

Wages. Maz. Min.

Spinners: Men 80 cts. per day. 44 cts. per day.

Women 60 " " " 31 " "

Weavers: Men 74 " " "

Women 54 " " "

Hours of labour: 11 hours for spin-

ning and 12 hours for weaving.

Wages are paid once a fortnight.

The number of looms per weaver is

two.

The Chinese mills levy a fine of \$1 if

an employee is found smoking on the

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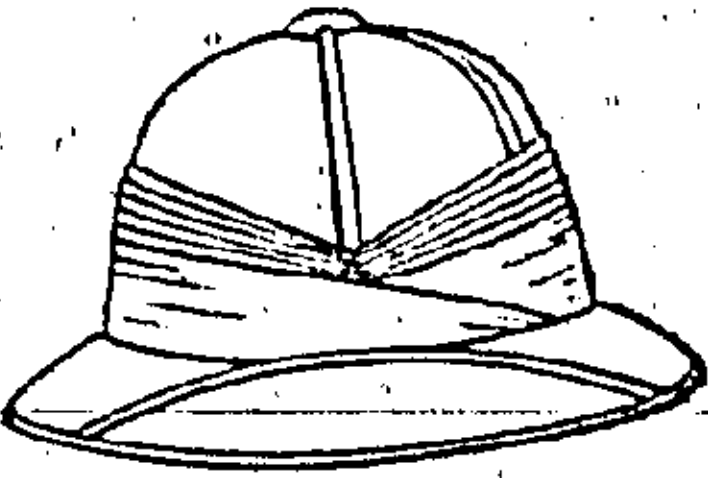
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INCREASED BUSINESS IN 1924.

The thirty-second annual general meeting of the Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd., was held on March 31st at Winchester House, Old Broad-street, E.C. Mr. J. M. Ryrie presided. The chief manager, Mr. J. Stewart, read the notice convening the meeting and the auditors' certificate.

Mr. Ryrie said: Ladies and gentlemen, I am sure you will all be very disappointed again not to see Sir Robert Black in my place to-day, and regret that his absence is still due to ill-health, whilst I am also sure you will join me in wishing him a speedy recovery. Then, I am sorry to say that, whilst he did recover sufficiently to attend our board meetings more or less regularly last year, and indeed quite recently, another attack of influenza, from which he has not yet recovered, made him determine it was in the interests of the Bank that he should resign the chairmanship. I need not say how much his colleagues regret this decision on his part, and how reluctant they were to accept his resignation, whilst we more than pleased to say that his place will be very difficult to fill. Sir Robert has consented to remain a member of the board, and I hope and expect that he will continue to be of great service to the Bank for many years to come. Sir Robert has been chairman of this Bank for 18 years and a director since 1904, during which period and in spite of many other calls upon his time he has made the interests of the Bank his first consideration, and it is only necessary for me to point to the steady progress of the Bank under his guidance and the very strong financial position we are in to-day to show how much we are indebted to him. As I have said, it will not be easy to fill his position, but as, including Sir Robert, my colleagues have unanimously asked me to do so, I have agreed to accept the chairmanship, which I am pleased to say Mr. Stewart has consented to succeed me as deputy chairman. I can only say that, as a director since 1908, and as deputy chairman during the past year, I have always followed the working of the Bank with close interest and with the ever ready co-operation of my colleagues and the invaluable help I know I shall receive from Mr. Stewart. I can at least hope to give satisfaction to all concerned.

At the end of last year, as you know, we elected Mr. C. J. Hambro, a director of Hambro's Bank, to sit on the board, and you will be asked to confirm his appointment. For some time we had been on the look-out for a young director who was actively engaged in the City and who could bring business of the right kind to the Bank, and I am satisfied that in Mr. Hambro we have secured the services of a director who will do all in his power to further the interests of the Bank and cement the pleasant relations already existing between Hambro's Bank and this Bank. We have, I regret to say, lost the valuable services of Mr. Murdoch our London manager, whom we shall all miss, but Mr. Murdoch has served the Bank with ability for 29 years, and as it was his wish to retire we have filled the position of London manager, appointing Mr. J. H. Crichton, our late manager in Calcutta, to the position of London manager, and as Mr. Crichton has served us well in the head office with all the qualifications necessary to make a good and efficient second-in-command. You will remember that in referring to the sad death of Mr. Mould and the appointment of Mr. Stewart as chief manager at our last annual meeting, I mentioned that we were indebted to Mr. Murdoch for agreeing to postpone his retirement until such time as we could make other arrangements, and I take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Murdoch again for standing by us when we were in a difficulty, and wishing him health and happiness in his retirement from active work. Another important appointment to which perhaps I ought to refer is that of Mr. Linton to be our inspector of branches, though I am sure Mr. Linton will be much missed at Singapore, where he has managed our branch with success for some years.

YEAR OF MORE STABLE CONDITIONS.

If I except fluctuations in rates of exchange, which make business so difficult, the past year brought with it more stable conditions generally, and there was not only an increase but an improvement in trade as a whole but of course several of our staple industries, such as iron and steel, coal and shipbuilding, are still depressed, and the cost of production all round requires to be reduced if we are to regain our export trade. There was very little fluctuation in the value of money, and prices generally were steady though with a tendency to rise. There was an expansion in our imports and exports, particularly the former, and the visible balance of trade against us increased from £211,000,000 in 1923 to £244,000,000 in 1924, but as our invisible exports are estimated at £270,000,000, and as these do not take into account the value of direct shipments from India and our Colonies to foreign countries, we cannot be said to be living on our capital, as evidence of which the overseas issues of capital in London last year amounted to £134,000,000. I think, therefore, the outlook is on the whole brighter than for some time past.

THE ACCOUNTS.

I will now refer to the figures in the balance-sheet and profit and loss account which have been in your hands for some days. The net profit for the year at £23,410 falls short of that for the previous year, but this you will notice is due to the increase in expenses which in turn is explained by the expenses incurred at our new branches, which I am sure you will understand are still in the development stage. But we are not only able to maintain our dividend in comfort, but to make the usual contribution to Reserve and Officers' Pension Fund, though you will notice that on this occasion the amount written off Freehold Banking Premises is reduced to £10,000, which we consider ample in view particularly of the increase in the value of our property generally. On the whole, the figures in the balance-sheet show very little change from the previous year, and from whatever point of view you look at the figures I am sure you will agree we are in a strong position and ready to do our share in financing any increase in trade with the East that may and I hope will take place as the result of more settled conditions. There is a small reduction in our current accounts and fixed deposits, but with more money in trade, this is not surprising, and as you know, we continue to convert our rupee assets and liabilities as far as possible. In reference to the item Loans Payable £550,000, as this was of a temporary nature and profitable we preferred to allow it to run off in the ordinary course rather than sell securities for the purpose of eliminating it. The increase in our acceptances on account of customers is satisfactory, but we would like to see a further increase in these figures. The item Cash and Bullion is down by £887,000, but our investments in Government and other stocks, which are usual stand at or below market values, are up by £112,000, and you will notice that whilst Bills Receivable show a decline of £419,000, there is an increase in Loans Receivable and Advances of £274,000. The increase of £8,700 in the Freehold Banking Premises represents the balance of the cost of our Bank premises at Simla and the cost of bungalows for our managers at Karachi and Madras. As, of course, the £10,000 written off.

Though perhaps it was only to be expected, in view of our progressive policy in opening new branches, I am pleased to say the business done by the Bank in 1924 shows a marked increase upon that done in the previous year. But, whilst our operations have increased, I am sorry to say that competition between banks has not grown less, and that margins are often very narrow and indeed hardly exist at times. For the satisfactory results obtained, therefore, our thanks are more than due to Mr. Stewart, our chief manager, the London manager and the sub-managers, whilst we must not forget the accountants and other heads of departments at the head office, or our successful branch managers abroad and on behalf of my colleagues and myself I take this opportunity of thanking all for their loyalty and devotion to the interests of the Bank.

PERSPECTIVE OF CURRENT YEAR.

If I attempt to deal with the prospects for the current year, which so far as the Bank is concerned, seem to me encouraging, I hope you will not think I wish to pose as a prophet, for nothing is further from my intention. There are too many difficulties surrounding us and too many important questions awaiting settlement to make it possible for anybody to look very far into the future. In the first place we want to see peace in the labour world, and if I may judge from the extravagant demands put forward recently by the railway men, whose wages already compare more than favourably with those of men employed in more skilled occupations, the outlook is not promising for any reduction in the cost of transport and production generally. Then assuming it is decided to return to an effective gold standard and not renew the embargo on exports of gold, which seems likely in the near future, it is difficult to say what effect this may have on the value of money, and the coming Budget, whether or not the Chancellor of the Exchequer is able to reduce the present burden of taxation, from which, of course, the industries of this country are suffering. But, after all, this Bank is more interested in trade with India, Burma, Ceylon, the Straits Settlements, Federated Malay States, Java, Siam, China and Mauritius, where, as you know, we have branches to which we look for most of our profits, and I have said, the outlook on the whole is encouraging so far, though I have to admit we are passing through a difficult time at the moment. The still comparatively high price of tea and the improvement in the price of rubber should be of benefit to Ceylon, whilst in spite of the restriction on output the higher price of rubber and the satisfactory returns from tin should mean an improvement all round in business at Singapore, but conditions in China are such that I do not think we can expect much contribution to our profits from that quarter. In Burma and Siam large crops of rice have been secured, and with a good demand not only from Europe and Cuba but also from China and Japan at present satisfactory prices, the outlook for trade is promising. In regard to Mauritius, and this applies to Java, the price of sugar, owing to large crops in China and Europe, has fallen to a low level, and I am afraid the planters will not have a profitable year, but the crop will have been shipped either to the United Kingdom or India, and I do not think the business of the Bank will suffer. I think, therefore, that although we cannot perhaps expect more than satisfactory results in the current year, we are fully justified in looking forward to a real revival in trade sooner or later, and in the meantime the financial position and the organization of the Bank leaves nothing to be desired.

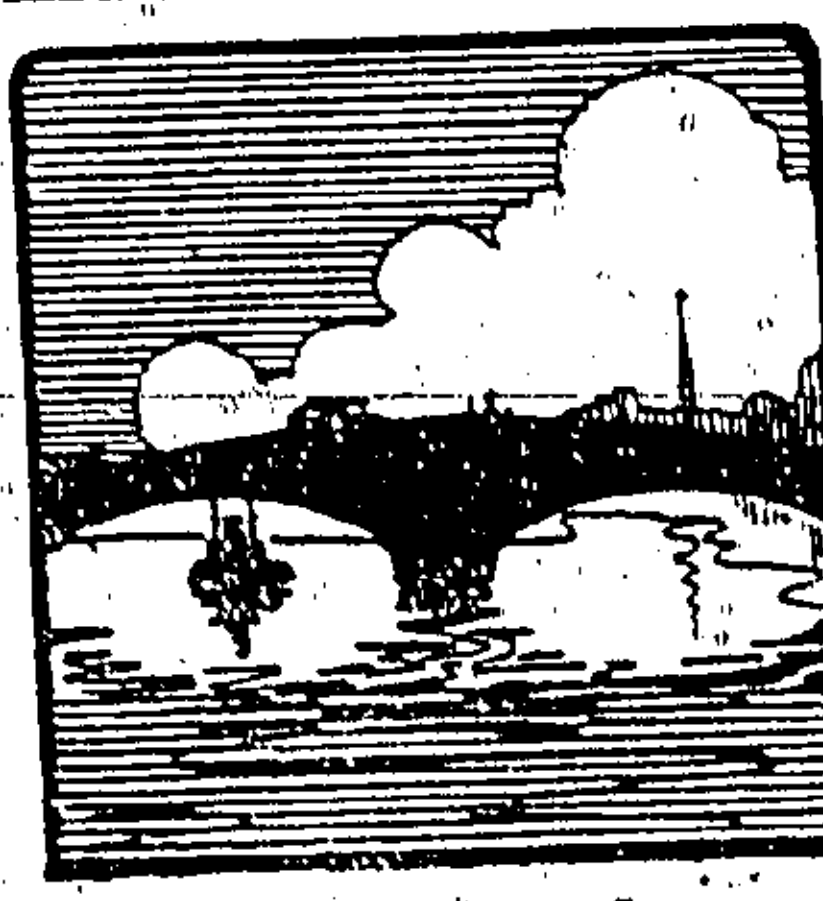
I have now to propose:—That the report of the directors with the audited statement of accounts and balance-sheet at December 31st, 1924, presented to this meeting, be and the same are hereby received, approved and adopted, and that a final dividend of the "A," "B" and "C" shares of this Bank of 8 per cent. be paid, making 16 per cent. for the year, less Income Tax, as recommended in the report and the same is hereby confirmed.

Mr. Simons seconded, and there being no questions, it was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

Mr. Ryrie proposed, and Mr. P. R. Chalmers seconded, the re-election of Sir Robert Black, Bart., and Mr. C. J. Hambro to the board of directors. The resolution was carried unanimously, and the auditors were re-appointed.

A vote of thanks to the chairman, directors and staff concluded the meeting.

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H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENT.

The following games were decided in the H.K.C.C. Lawn Tennis Tournament yesterday:—

Handicap Doubles.—Lt. Col. Montague Bates and Capt. R. H. P. West (—15) beat W. Ironside and C. C. Hickling (4/6), 6/3, 6/1.

Club Championships.—S. E. Green beat R. J. Saunders, 6/1, 8/5, 6/0.

Handicap Singles.—A. D. J. Alfrey (2/5) beat G. E. Hett (3/5), 1/8, 4/0, 6/4.

TODAY'S MATCHES.

The following games are down for decision to-day:—

Open Championships Doubles.—(4th round), at 4 p.m.: Lt. Col. Montague Bates and Capt. R. H. P. West v. Yew Man Tsun and Ho Ka Lan.

Mixed Handicap Doubles.—(Semi-final): Mr. T. H. King and Mrs. W. McElderry (ser.) v. Mr. and Mrs. W. Ironside (4/6).

Handicap Singles.—B. (3rd round): L. M. S. Lloyd (3/5) v. O. C. Womack (ser.).

On Friday a match will be played in the Open Championships' Singles (4th round) between M. W. Lo and S. E. Green. It is to be hoped to play off the semi-finals next week, one on Monday and the other on Tuesday.

FAMOUS U.S. PLAYERS COMING.

Three of America's finest tennis players are to pass through the Colony on their way to Manila. They are Messrs. R. G. Kinsey, H. O. Kinsey and H. B. Snodgrass. H. O. Kinsey is Double Champion with his brother of the United States on grass and clay courts and ranks fourth in the U.S.A. in Singles. He is also a member of the Davis Cup Team and has played against Tilden and Richards. H. B. Snodgrass ranks sixth and was runner-up for the National Clay Court Championship and he is also Champion of California. They are expected to return from Manila on the *Empress of Australia* about May 12th, and the H.K.C.C. are trying to arrange exhibition matches for May 12th, 13th and 14th.

BOXING.
EAST SURREY'S INTER-COMPANY TOURNAMENT.

The East Surrey Regimental Inter-Company Boxing Tournament will take place at Murray Barracks this week, the finals being fixed for Friday, May 1st.

The tournament will be held on Inter-Company Team lines and, being an open competition, all the best boxers in the battalion will compete. Each Company will enter a team in all weights.

The winning Company will receive a Challenge Cup. In addition to this, Companies earn points in relation to their final order of merit in this competition, towards the award of the Battalion Athletic Shield. This shield is awarded annually to the best Athletic Company during the year.

A large number of the competitors have previously appeared under the auspices of the Hongkong Boxing Association at their tournaments. Followers of boxing in Hongkong may, therefore, rest assured that some good contests will be seen.

FOOTBALL.
SOUTH CHINA v. H.M.S. "HAWKINS."

South China Senior "A" is playing another friendly game with the H.M.S. *Hawkins* to-day at Sookunpo, kicking off at 5.15 p.m. Both sides are fielding stronger teams than last Saturday, and a better game is expected.

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday, three Chinese were charged with having attempted to commit an armed robbery at No. 38, Chatham Road, on April 21st.

Inspector Clarke said the men walked into a room where four women were seated at a table gambling, when one of the men asked if there were a man named Ah Chan in the house, and was told there was no such man there. He then drew a revolver, whereupon one of the women rushed to the veranda and blew a police whistle, whereupon the robbers ran into the street and the second and third defendants were captured by Mr. E. J. W. Focken of Alex. Ross & Co. The first defendant was arrested in Stanley Village, a revolver being found in his possession. The case was adjourned.

AMERICAN'S SUICIDE.
FOUND HANGING IN A NULLAH.

The dead body of a man, who was later identified as an American who had been stopping at the Hongkong Hotel for a short period, was found hanging by the neck from a tree in a nullah at Glenely between Robinson Road and Quine Road, on Monday night.

The gruesome discovery was made by a Portuguese gentleman, who was on his way up Glenely at 10.30 p.m. by chair. Looking into the nullah, he noticed the man hanging not very far from the road. After being informed, the police went to the spot indicated, and found that the deceased was a man of about 40 years of age and that life was extinct.

Very little information can be ascertained about the dead man, except that it has been found that he was an American, who had been in the Colony for a few days, having arrived from Shanghai. A passport found in his pocket bore the name of "E. E. Gray."

It has been established that Mr. Gray was an engineer, whether a marine or civil engineer is not certain, although it is understood that he was the former. Mr. Gray arrived in the Colony from Shanghai somewhere about a fortnight ago and stopped at the Hongkong Hotel for about ten days. At the end of this period he left to go to Canton for a day or two, returning from there last Friday. He continued his residence at the Hongkong Hotel and was apparently his usual self. As late as nine o'clock on Monday night he was seen on the verandah of the hotel, so that he must have left the building and met his death within the next hour and a half, as his dead body was discovered at 10.30 p.m.

Whether Mr. Gray was worried in any way, either in the matter of work or by any financial embarrassment could not be definitely ascertained by a *Daily Press* representative on making enquiry yesterday, but circumstances somewhat point in the latter direction, as no money was found on him when his body was discovered. The only thing found on him, and incidentally the means of identifying him was his passport. The police are of the opinion that it was a case of suicide.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon from the mortuary, where the body had been lying since Monday night.

THEATRE ROYAL CONCERT.
ENTERTAINMENT IN AID OF R.A. ASSOCIATION.

Among the entertainers who are to contribute to the programme of the grand variety concert to be given in the Theatre Royal on Friday evening in aid of the Hongkong Branch of the Royal Artillery Association are the following:—Major J. Macready, D.S.O. (light comedy); Lieut. A. W. Alcock, R.A. (comedian, heavy); Mr. I. A. Zelenky (entertainer); Mr. Silas (entertainer); Mr. Bart. Burrows (light comedian); Miss Gladys Brook (light comedy); Mrs. Stanley Collett (soprano); Mr. Stanley Collett (accompanist); Mrs. N. Mathieson (contralto); Mrs. F. C. Hall (comedy); Mr. Chas. Olive (character artist); Mr. H. F. Gardner (tenor); Band of the Battalion, The East Surrey Regiment; Mr. R. Keown (baritone); and Mr. F. Mason, A.R.C.O. (L.T.C.L. (accompanist).

The objects of the Royal Artillery Association are:—

To create and foster a bond of comradeship between all who are serving or have ever served as Artillerymen in any capacity whatever.

To maintain the proud "Artillery Traditions" and to foster esprit de corps.

By the establishment of "Branches" in every part of the British Isles and later, not only throughout the British Empire, but in every part of the world where such a course is feasible to institute a "Gunner Friend" in the strictest sense of the word. i.e.—To watch the interests of the Artillerymen, their families and dependents, of all ranks and all branches, and to extend a helping hand to those who are sick or in trouble through no fault of their own.

To organize Employment and Information Bureau.

To give those who have served as Artillerymen some means of retaining touch with old comrades.

To act as trustees for orphans, regimental property, etc.

To give financial assistance with education by grants or scholarships under the Bursary scheme.

To form a representative body to further the interests of the regiment in all matters.

DISASTROUS PEAK FIRE

HOME OF PROFESSOR FORSTER
COMPLETELY GUTTED.

DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT \$10,000.

A disastrous outbreak of fire at the residence of Professor and Mrs. L. Forster, No. 5, The Peak, in the early hours of yesterday morning, completely gutted about half of the house, and it is estimated that damage amounting to \$10,000 was caused.

The first intimation that fire had broken out, came from the warning given by coolies working at No. 4, The Peak, one of the adjoining houses. One of the house boys at once ran down to Mount Austin barracks to give the alarm there. A number of troops of the B. and C. Companies of the 1st Battalion, the East Surrey Regiment, who were engaged in physical drill, before the boy's arrival had seen the smoke. They hurried to the scene to render what aid they could in extinguishing the flames. It was largely due to their prompt efforts that the fire was got under control and most of the furniture saved. Through their barracks being so close to the residence of Professor Forster, the soldiers were enabled to be on the scene some time before the firemen could possibly arrive there. On arrival, the soldiers immediately set to work to fight the fire with fire buckets and fire hose. Unfortunately, there was not enough pressure of water to make use of the hose, and they had to do their best with buckets to deal with the outbreak. However, water was not available in sufficient quantities to make even this method effective and orders were then given for filled buckets to be carried up from the barracks. In the meanwhile the soldiers performed magnificent service in removing most of the furniture from the house. By means of severing a beam, the adjoining house, No. 6, The Peak, the residence of Mr. G. A. S. Huss, was separated from that of Professor Forster sufficiently for the removal of furniture and inflammable material from both premises into safety.

The exterior of the houses have been little damaged, being of stone, and the salvaged furniture was placed on the lawns. Among the officers with the troops were Majors Paton and Drake, Capt. Shinton and Lieuts. Chidson, Cope and Campbell.

FIREMEN'S EFFORTS.

The call was first received at the Central Fire Station about 7 a.m. from the Signal Station via the Naval Yard. The engines were immediately sent off under Superintendent Brooks and Station Officer Condon. They arrived at the Peak Hotel about half-an-hour after the alarm had been received. There were three engines present in all, these being from Central, Kennedy Town and Wan-chai. The Brigades were quickly at work, but lack of water rendered the greater part of their appliances useless. Inspectors Marks, with a force of police, also appeared and later Mr. W. R. Scott, A.S.P. These with the firemen and soldiers got to work during the morning in an attempt to reach the volumes of smoke, which still poured from the ruins and debris. The main difficulty all along was the lack of water, and it was not until some time after the outbreak that any adequate pressure could be obtained. It was further impossible to get any engine or tender further than the Peak Tramway. All that could be done in the early stages was by means of a chain of buckets containing water.

At one time it was also feared that the matchless, erected over No. 4, would catch fire, through the flying sparks which were being carried to it, but here the soldiers once more proved of valuable service and destroyed a contractor's bamboo shed, which might possibly have formed a connecting link. There was scarcely any flame to be seen coming from the burning building, as all the windows were closed, and the fire thus confined within a limited space, after consuming the floors and walls and the inflammable substances, died down.

It was about 9.30 a.m. before sufficient pressure of water could be obtained from the hydrants, and then it was found that there was not enough force to take it through the hose. Fortunately by this time, the outbreak was well under control. It was at this juncture that part of the roof and bedroom walls of No. 5 collapsed.

Early yesterday afternoon, efforts had been successful in reaching the heart of the smoke. What effectively put a stop to the conflagration was the caving in of the roof over the part affected.

The definite particulars could be ascertained as to how the fire originated, but it is thought that it originated in a spark from an untended fire having escaped from the narrow piping which passes through the drying room.

The alarm and coolie were first awakened by the huge volumes of smoke coming from the drying room and Professor Forster, awakened by their cries, discovered that flames were issuing from the drying room. He immediately saw his wife and children to a place of safety and then did the little he could to check the fire.

As stated, it is estimated that the damage caused by the conflagration, amounts to about \$10,000.

It is understood that both No. 5 and No. 6, The Peak, are owned by Mrs. Jones Hughes (widow of the late Mr. E. Jones Hughes, former partner in Messrs. Hughes and Hough), who lives at Home, and for whom Messrs. Linstead and Davis are the local agents. It is further stated that both properties are insured against fire.

The firemen did not leave the scene until 6 o'clock last evening.

SUPREME COURT

[REOPEN THE CHIEF JUSTICE, MR. HENRY GOLLAH.]

JUDGMENT IN "KWAI WAH" CASE.

In the Supreme Court yesterday morning, the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollah) gave judgment in the action for wages and disbursements brought by members of the crew of the s.s. "Kwai Wah".

His Lordship said he was satisfied that certain sums were due for wages to the carpenters and engineers, and as regards this he ordered reference to the Registrar, for him to take an account of the amounts due, and report.

With reference to the complainor's claim, he thought there was evidence that wages were due to him for the period, July 1st, 1924, to March 5th, 1925, and he referred this matter also to the Registrar. The complainor also claimed the return of a deposit of \$2,000, which he said was deposited with the owners of the ship. He further claimed the interest on this money.

In His Lordship's opinion these were not recoverable in this action. Certain other sums were claimed in respect of provisions supplied by the complainor to the crew, and for sampan hire. But it was clear these sums could not be recoverable as wages, nor could they be recoverable as disbursements, for the right to do so belonged only to the master of the ship.

An application had been made to amend the claim to allow their recovery as necessities supplied to the ship. At the hearing, said His Lordship, he refused the application, to the effect that the complainor should take account of the amount due to the complainor under this head, and to report.

There was evidence of necessities having been supplied by the complainor to the ship, and he directed that the Registrar should take account of the amount due to the complainor under this head, and to report.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Masters) appeared for plaintiffs, the action being undefended.

M. Y. SAN COMPANY.

PETITION FOR WINDING-UP
WITHDRAWN.

Before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollah) in the Supreme Court yesterday, Mr. Thomas Addis appeared on behalf of a petitioner, and creditor of M. Y. San and Company. Mr. Addis said the petition for the winding-up of the affairs of the Company had been duly filed, and the petitioner's debt had been satisfied, and he desired to withdraw the petition.

Counsel said that he understood that a meeting of creditors had been held, and that they were satisfied that the petition be withdrawn.

Mr. G. C. Alabaster, K.C., who appeared for the Company, supported the application for withdrawal, and His Lordship granted the necessary leave.

THE NAVY LEAGUE.

ANNUAL MEETING IN HONGKONG.

The annual meeting of the Navy League (Hongkong Branch) was held at the City Hall yesterday evening, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak presiding.

The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, in moving the adoption of the report and accounts, said, of course, the attendance by no means represented the strength of the society. But in Hongkong it was always difficult, especially at this time of the year, to get together members of a Society such as this. Dealing with the work of the Society during the past year he said they owed a debt to the Secretary who was largely responsible, not only for an increase of membership, but also for the great success of the concert and flag day as a result of which \$200 was sent Home. They had striven to keep the objects of the Society before the public, and in no place in the world was it perhaps more necessary to do this than in Hongkong.

Continuing, the Chairman dwelt on the piracy questions which had had the attention of the Society. It was perhaps the most serious problem they had had before them during the past few years. At last, he almost said at long last, their representations had gone Home to the Admiralty. They had been taken Home by the late Admiral, whose untimely departure they all deplored, by the Hongkong Government. They asked for a small flotilla of boats to increase the patrol in these waters.

These recommendations were strongly supported by the Society and they hoped they would be dealt with before long.

Sir Henry Pollock seconded the adoption of the report and accounts, which were carried.

The Chairman proposed that Sir Henry Pollock, Mr. E. F. Aucott, Mr. W. A. Dowley, Lt. Comdr. C. S. C. Ingham, Mr. F. A. Perry, Mr. B. Wylie, Mr. L. M. Whyte, Mr. J. Thayer, Mr. Excell and himself form the Committee for the coming year.

This was seconded by Mr. Dowley and carried.

Mr. Excell was elected treasurer and Mr. Whyte secretary, the Chairman and Sir Henry Pollock retiring tribute to the work Mr. Whyte had done during the past year.

On the proposition of Sir Henry Pollock, Mr. Holyoak was elected president. On the proposal of the Chairman it was decided this year to have a flag day on Trafalgar Day and to organise a concert of a similar character to that of last year on the night of Trafalgar Day.

Before closing the meeting, the Chairman made an appeal for an increase of membership. At present the number stood at 128, but in a port of the size and standing of Hongkong the membership ought to be at least 400.

LOCAL TURE TOPICS.

PROSPECTS FOR SATURDAY'S
RACING.

[BY ARGUS.]

The framers of the programme for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting, to take place at Happy Valley on Saturday next, under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club, have come under criticism. But with the exception of the Hongkong Plate (1 mile for China ponies that have started twice since January 1st and have not been placed) all the events have received satisfactory entries. It has been suggested that a Selling Race should have been included in the programme. The officials can reply with justification, judging from past experience, that this would not have attracted more starters. At last meeting, seven entries were received and four went to the post. The Hongkong Plate has received five nominations and I expect all to face the starter. What the officials might well do, is to withhold second money in all events with less than four starters and third prize unless five ponies go to the post. At last meeting three ponies started in the aggregate Stakes and each got a prize. Conditions similar to those offered Mr. Dupré for appearing in the ring next Saturday night.

The present day boxing expert is as independent as the budding gentleman rider and quite as difficult to please.

To return to the programme—the first event, on Saturday, is the Commonwealth Handicap "B" class, six furlongs. The names of sixteen ponies appear in the list, of which the following will probably start: Gaudie (161lbs.), Jambu (160lbs.), Uncle Tam (152lbs.), A.B. (150lbs.), Halsham (149lbs.), King Ptolemy (149lbs.), Toomai (147lbs.), Two Pairs (146lbs.), and possibly Langsat (140lbs.) and Joe (143lbs.).

I doubt whether Lady Severn will send both Jambu and Langsat to the post. If the last named should give of his best, he would be very dangerous at the weight, but he appears incorrigible nowadays. On his last public performance the Governor's nomination, Gaudie, may well prove the pick of the handicapper. Halsham is tipped in well-informed quarters, but his record is not encouraging. It is possible Mr. Brodie may have the mount, if Mr. Pollock is engaged for one of the "fruit" ponies. Messrs. Tester & Abraham may prefer to run The Critic in place of A.B. If they do, it may prove dangerous to the best—no matter who is in the saddle. If Gaudie is not sent and Mr. Doyle has the mount on The Critic, he will be well supported. For the time being, I consider Gaudie, Toomai and Halsham are the three best bets. Toomai, of course, only has to reproduce his form at the annual meeting to win with ease. If he is sent to the front at the start he may get a second victory.

Out of the 14 entered in the Colonial Stakes (5 furlongs for non-winners), the following may start: Auchenroch (155), Saracen (153), The Wasp (153), Alcantra (153), Beauty Dahlia (153), New York (152), Teashop (151) and Strathallan (149). In addition we may see The Critic and possibly Wimmera. The last-named, however, has been stopped in his work owing to a "fall" leg. But for this set-back, he would probably have won. The three best would appear to be Saracen, Beauty Dahlia and Mr. Alves' selected. Both Alcantra and Strathallan can sprint on the training ground, but so far have done next to nothing with the colours up.

The Commonwealth Handicap "A" class follows: it may attract Seattle (157), Dictator Dahlia (156), Auchenroch (156) (if not started in previous event), Gyp (148), King Emperor (147), Rayfield (144), Uncle Charlie (143), Baby Eyes (144), and possibly Valiant (141). If Mr. Bagram decides to send Dictator Dahlia, I shall look no further for the winner. In his absence, Seattle, King Emperor and Baby Eyes should prove the best three. Gyp, it must be borne in mind, may suddenly run true to form and if Dictator Dahlia is kept in the stables, it will indicate confidence in the second string and Gyp should not be allowed to run loose. There are, of course, possibilities about Rayfield. I understand that Mr. Brodie has been offered the mount as Mr. Gibson may not be here for the meeting. Then again it is expected that Baby Eyes will be ridden by Mr. Brodie as Lieut. Comdr. Thompson will not be here to ride. Under the circumstances both ponies had better be left out of consideration until the numbers are up.

Baby Eyes, it will be remembered, was made a firm favourite for the selling race last meeting—his defeat has since been attributed to his rider not having worn spurs, my informant adding that the pony never takes a race seriously unless "given a reminder with the hooks," before called upon to put in his final rush. What truth there is in the statement, I cannot say. I do know, however, that none of his performances on this course entitle him to the impost of 160lbs. in the Empire Handicap "B" class. In the race under discussion, however, he has only 143lbs. to carry and provided a suitable jockey is found, he should certainly run into a place.

For the Aggregate Stakes the field will probably be made up of Chicago, Charcoal, Gold Leaf, Gypsy Love, Golden Chrysanthemum and Curiosity Shop.

The first two have to carry 151lbs. each and the others 146lbs. There is some possibility that Gold Leaf will not go to the post, in which case Mr. Harriman may elect to ride Dictator Dahlia.

The absence of Grey More should attract a big field and Mr. Birkett may even decide to start Baby Eyes here.

Though we have no performance of Charcoal at the distance (one mile), he is certain to be a public fancy. Chicago was down with colic last week, but has been in work since and at his best would take a deal of beating. Mr. White's Gypsy Love is another likely to go close.

Gold Leaf has been moving badly of late and, as stated, may be an absentee.

Dictator Dahlia, if fancied, will also have to be reckoned with. The distance is scarcely far enough for Curiosity Shop. The safest investment would be to back the second best each way to beat Charcoal, the probable favourite. In this case, our choice would be Chicago, but before Saturday I may have more definite information.

We now come to the Empire Handicap "B" class. As I have, for the time, abandoned all attempt to arrive at the manner in which the official Handicapper arrives at either classification or adjustment of weights, suffice it to say that the field will probably include: Beauty Dahlia (163) unless he wins earlier in the day, Duke of Frisco (162), Valiant (161), Gaudie (161), Poppy Leaf (160), Beldorney Star (157), Moggi (157), Tadworth (151).

Of these, Beauty Dahlia, Duke of Frisco, Beldorney Star and Gaudie appeal to me most, though if Valiant is "ridden" from the start as on last occasion, he may repeat his performance. I am doubtful whether Beauty Dahlia can carry the weight in a fast run race—the others have proved they can do so—therefore Sir Paul's candidate had better be backed each way by those who fancy this chance.

The sixth race, the Dominion Plate 1 mile and 165 yards for winners) will probably induce owners to send the following: Grey Knight (162), Uncle Alf (155), King Alfred (152), at any rate. In addition, Golden Chrysanthemum and one of Mr. Birkett's—Beldorney Star or Baby Eyes—may be reserved for this.

Grey Knight should win; though if Mr. Alves starts Golden Chrysanthemum he may well prove too speedy for Mrs. Austin's big white, whose forte is evidently a somewhat longer distance.

For the penultimate event, all are expected to start: Jambu (155), Langsat (155), The Critic (152), Lumbie (152), New York (152). The race would appear to lie between Langsat and The Critic, who has been moving well of late. Langsat, even if he can beat his stable companion (Jambu) is too unreliable, while much of The Critic's form has to be taken on trust. Play safe and back the first three to win should prove remunerative. If Lady Severn only starts one, it will be safer to back The Critic.

The last event is the Empire Handicap "A" class (1 1/2 miles).

If Grey Knight is an absentee the field will probably be composed of: Curiosity Shop (160), Golden Chrysanthemum (156), Saracen (149), Dictator Dahlia (156), Grey Streak (148), Uncle Alf (143), or Uncle Charlie (143).

The best three on the book are Curiosity Shop, Dictator Dahlia and Golden Chrysanthemum.

There matters must rest until Saturday's paper when my final selections will appear.

SPRING.

You are sighing for Home; and the sweetness
Of Spring in the air,
Where her promise meets Summer's completeness
Like youth, strong and fair;
For the Orient's offering to us,
That springtime has kissed,
Is a maze of white cloud to bedew us—
In mist, and more mist!

There is mist on the water below us,
And mist on each hill,
Whene'er Nature her face tries to show us,
The mist is there still;
And the wonders of harbour and city
Might cease to exist,
For like Tantalus, given no pity,
We gaze on white mist!

It is true,—here, no breezes poetic
Of life renewed sing,
Here no blossoming snowdrops prophetic
Smile out at the Spring;
For the queen who in winter was reigning,
In Spring, too, holds court,
And to all of our sighs and complaining
Gives never a thought!

You may shut, discontented, your portals,
Be dull if you will,
But the mist-spirit, heedless of mortals,
Will laugh at you still;
Will enfold her soft gauze round the riches
So lavishly showered,
Round each inlet and bay that bewitches,
Each hillside befowered.

But—like bridal veil coyly enhancing
The charms of the bride,
When the sun, in his daring romancing,
Shall fling it aside—
Then go down on your knees, to the Sender
Of beauty so rare;
For a foretaste of Heaven, in its splendour
And radiance, is there!

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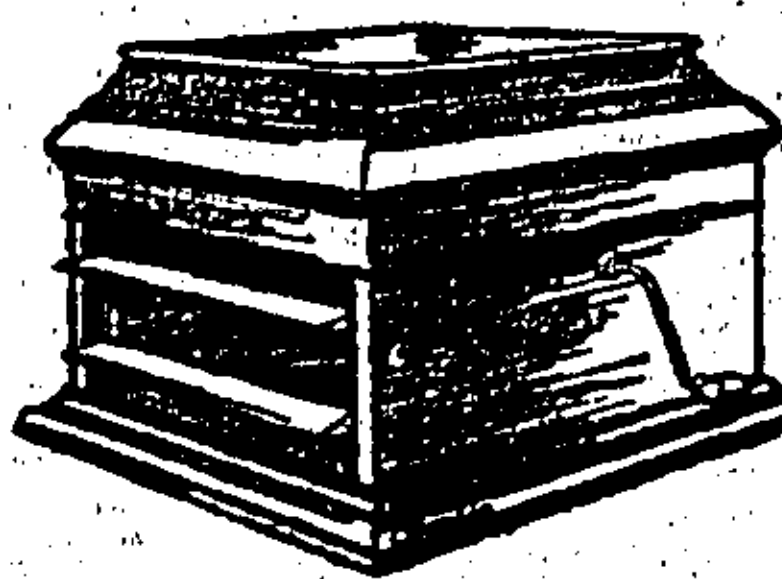
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THE FIRST BIENNIAL RACE will take place TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY), the 29th, commencing at 4 P.M. From ORAMU, Rocks.

Yachts are cordially invited and a Launch will leave BLACK PIER at 3 P.M. for the Use of Anyone wishing to be Present.

A. W. TICKLE,
Hon. Secretary,
R.H.K.Y.C.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "AUTOMEDON" are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Hoi's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignee's risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Hoi's Wharf.

The Cargo will be ready for Delivery from Godown on and after 28th April.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10 A.M. and Noon, within the free storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undamaged after the 4th May, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 18th May, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, 28th April, 1925. [2152]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES VIA PORTS.

THE Steamship "WEST PROSPECT" having arrived from the above-mentioned ports, Wednesday, 28th April, 1925, Consignees are hereby notified that their Cargo is being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, and stored at Consignee's risk.

Consignees of Cargo must produce an Import Permit, issued by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports Office, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned or Delivery Orders issued.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined at 10 A.M. Monday, 4th May, 1925, by Messrs. ANDERSON & ASSOCIATES, Marine Surveyors.

All Claims must be presented within 10 days of the Steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be recognised after the Goods have left the Godown, and Cargo undelivered after 5th May, 1925, will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading in exchange for Delivery Orders immediately.

AMERICAN FAR EAST LINE, STEAMSHIP & BARRY, Managing Operators.
Hongkong, 28th April, 1925. [2153]

S.S. "COMMISSAIRE RAMEL"

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from DUNKIRK, ANTWERP, MIDDELSBOUGH, LONDON, etc., in connection with above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence Delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless Intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, Monday, the 27th inst., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriter, the 4th May, 1925, at Noon, will be subject to Rent and Landing Charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before Wednesday, the 6th May, 1925, or they will not be recognised.

All damaged Packages will be examined on Saturday, the 2nd May, 1925, at 10 A.M., by Messrs. GODDARD & DODGINS.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

R. BODENFUSHER, Agent.
Hongkong, 28th April, 1925. [2148]

NOTICE.

Re WONG CHIK CHO,
Alias WONG PUL,
Alias WONG HOY SIN TONG,
DECEASED.

ALL Persons, Companies, Corporations and/or Firms who have not received Direct Communication on the Matter are Requested to give Notice to the Underwriter of any Money, Shares, Securities or any other Assets which they may have held on behalf of the above-named Deceased, on the 18th MAY, 1925, and/or at the present time, and also Notice of any Claims which they may have against the Deceased.

Dated this 27th day of April, 1925.
MR. G. R. HAYWOOD,
No. 44, Des Voeux Road Central,
Hongkong.

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 2ND MAY, 1925, commencing at 3 P.M.

The First Bell will be rung at 2.30 P.M.

The Charge for Admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform, Half Price.

Members are advised that they must show their Season Tickets to obtain Admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each Member has the right of introducing 2 Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure. Tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. LEWIS & DAVIS at \$5 each up to FRIDAY, 1st MAY.

The Stewards invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present.

THE HONGKONG TUG & LIGHTER CO., LTD.

THE FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at St. George's Buildings, Charter Road, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 7th MAY, 1925, at 4.30 O'CLOCK P.M. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the period ended 31st March, 1925, and Electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 4th MAY, 1925, until THURSDAY, the 7th MAY, 1925, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers,
Hongkong, 21st April, 1925. [2145]

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-FOURTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Underwriter on THURSDAY, the 14th MAY, 1925, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1924.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 14th MAY, 1925, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Agents,
Hongkong, 27th April, 1925. [2146]

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NOTICE.

NEW ISSUE OF CAPITAL.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that the Second and Final Call of \$5 per Share on Shares of the New Issue is payable on or before the 1st day of MAY, 1925.

Cheques should be sent addressed to the Company, together with Certificates of Title in respect of the First Call, when Fully paid Certificates will be issued.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company in respect of the New Issue of Shares will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 22nd day of April, until SATURDAY, the 2nd day of May, 1925 (both days inclusive), during which period No Transfer of Shares of the New Issue can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers,
Hongkong, 20th April, 1925. [2098]

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless Intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, Monday, the 27th inst., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriter, the 4th May, 1925, at Noon, will be subject to Rent and Landing Charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before Wednesday, the 6th May, 1925, or they will not be recognised.

All damaged Packages will be examined on Saturday, the 2nd May, 1925, at 10 A.M., by Messrs. GODDARD & DODGINS.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

R. BODENFUSHER, Agent.
Hongkong, 27th April, 1925. [2149]

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE.

WE HAVE THIS DAY Authorised MR. C. OFFERSON to Sign for Our Firm in Hongkong Per Procuration.

JENSEN & CO.,
5, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, 27th April, 1925. [2143]

NOTICE.

MR. SYDNEY HAMPDEN ROSS, Chartered and Incorporated Accountant, has been admitted a Partner in our Firm.

PERCY SMITH, SETH & FLEMING, Incorporated Accountants.
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NOTICE.

FROM the 27th DAY of THIS MONTH Our Office will be located at 2nd Floor of PEDDER-BUILDING, No. 12, PEDDER STREET.

WM. MEYERINK & CO.
Hongkong, 24th April, 1925. [2140]

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FOURTH TOURNAMENT OF THE SEASON.

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BOXER.—At Hankow, on April 18th, to Mr. and Mrs. STANLEY V. BOXER, a daughter.

CALDER.—At Shanghai, on April 23rd, to Mr. and Mrs. B. A. DAS CALDER, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

JAMES—BRANDT.—At Marseilles, on April 15th, CHARLOTTE DOROTHY BRANDT, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. G. LYMAN, to CHARLES HENRY JAMES.

JENSEN—COSTA.—At Shanghai, on April 22nd, JOSEPH VILHELM, eldest son of Mrs. J. V. JENSEN, to BERTHA AUGUSTA DA COSTA, eldest daughter of Mr. P. A. MEIRA DA COSTA.

DEATHS.

ARDAIN.—At Shanghai, on April 24th, LOUIS ARDAIN, Chevalier of the Legion of Honour, Manager of the Banque de l'Indo-Chine, aged 55 years.

M. J. D. STEPHENS.—At 6 p.m., last evening at his residence. The funeral will take place this evening, passing the Monument at 5.15 p.m.

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surprising that speculation has been rife as to whether the success of von HINDENBURG at the polls would portend an attempt to restore the Monarchy in Germany. There is, of course, the precedent in China. YUAN SHIH KAI took the oath of loyalty to the Republic but he had not been very long in office before he yielded to persuasion to forewear it and proclaim himself the founder of a new dynasty. Time alone will show whether the Chinese parallel will be followed to the same length in Germany. We may well doubt it; for the indications are that the results in Germany and China would be precisely the same: the attempt to restore the Monarchy would fail. Dr. STRESEMANN, German Minister of Foreign Affairs, declared in a recent speech that Germany's state form as it exists today is the only possible foundation on which Germany can recuperate and that fact is recognised by a large percentage of the population. In view of the election returns in Germany we may well hesitate to believe that Marshal von HINDENBURG, however strong his personal preference for the Monarchical system may be, would venture to go the length that YUAN SHIH KAI did.

For the time being, we can but note the fact that Marshal von HINDENBURG will take the oath to maintain the Republican Constitution under which he has been elected. He has promised in his election campaign to act constitutionally and to protect the laws of the Reich; moreover he announced that, if elected, he would respect the military as well as the other provisions of the Versailles Treaty. His outlook, he declared, to be entirely peaceful. He said he was convinced that it would be foolish to indulge in warlike adventures, which he had consistently opposed since the Great War, because they could only end disastrously. He expressed himself as specially interested in the question of a security pact, guaranteeing the frontiers of France and Belgium, and asserted that Germany's Eastern frontier must be attended by negotiations. So far as his policy is revealed in this brief statement there would seem to be nothing to choose between himself and his principal opponent, Dr. MARX, the candidate of the Republican Bloc, who expressed his views in these terms: "Germany must make sacrifices in order to maintain peace on, and to secure, her Western frontier. Nevertheless, an understanding between France and Germany was a valuable political aim, but acceptance of the Security Pact as regards the West afforded all the more reason why Germany must remember the unnatural frontier conditions in the East, and the social affinity binding her to Austria. Germany must again put forward her claim for National Union with Austria and the resurrection of a Great Germany."

On of the London newspapers, we notice, anticipates that the new President will give a strong lead to German industry. That view is probably based on the fact that the prospects of German trade were recently the dominating note in the campaign. The MARX campaigners were using the recent slump in the foreign loan market as an argument against the Nationalists, and the latter were labelling Dr. MARX as the Anti-Capitalist candidate, on account of his Socialist support. The electors were confronted with a bewildering mass of trade statistics, constituting the chief material of argument on each side; that its candidate alone was likely to attract foreign capital. How far the result of the election has been influenced by this particular consideration we do not know but the fact that so much prominence has been given in the campaign to the industrial outlook in Germany certainly justifies the expectation that German industry will get the stimulus of "a strong lead."

The master of the s.s. *Lakore* (British steamer), from Kobe via Shanghai, has reported to the Harbour Office that a death from heart disease occurred on board on last Friday.

"Prayer as a Science" will be the subject of the week's public lecture of the Hongkong Lodge of the Theosophical Society, 19, Queen's Road Central, this evening, at 5.45 p.m. The public are invited.—ADVT.

Three new modern roads (mahoes) have been opened to motor traffic in Canton. The construction of the Wing On-mahoe is delayed by the reluctance of the owner of a pawnshop to demolish the building.

On Sunday afternoon continuous gun firing was heard in the vicinity of the Arsenal at Shesheng, close to Canton, leading to the impression that trouble had developed in that quarter. It was afterwards learnt that the local Cadet Corps was merely engaged in gun-firing practice and was camping out on the hills.

A verdict for defendants, the U.S. Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation, and the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, was given by Judge Purdy at the U.S. Court, Shanghai, on April 23rd, in the action brought against them by V. Soloviev, for alleged damages for personal injuries sustained while employed as a watchman on board the s.s. *President Wilson*.

Robbers have been active of late in Shesheng city, as the military garrison there has been transferred to other points. Many robberies have been reported quite recently. For this reason, says the *Canton Gazette*, the people have, with the permission of the Government, re-instituted a citizen's volunteer corps to patrol the town. This measure has had an immediate, salutary effect.

A farewell tiffin was given at Shanghai last Friday to Mr. E. P. Mackay by the Committees of the British Chamber of Commerce and China Association. Among those present were: Mr. H. W. Lester (who presided), Sir Edward Pearce, Brig-General E. B. Macnaghten, Messrs. H. E. Arnold, H. J. Breth, A. R. Barkill, G. M. G. Burnie, A. M. Cannan, A. C. Clear, A. L. Dickson, C. G. Humphreys, N. Leslie, E. Gordon Lowder, C. G. S. Mackie, P. W. Massey, C. J. Scott, R. Scott, T. H. R. Shaw, G. W. Sheppard, G. H. Stitt, A. Brooke Smith and E. Pugh.

The return of notifiable diseases in the Colony for the week ended on April 25th shows 3 fatal cases of small-pox, also 1 death from a previously reported case of this disease. There was 1 fatal case of diphtheria, and 4 deaths from enteric fever (1 being a previously notified case), also 3 fatal cases of cerebro-spinal fever. In this period 2 deaths occurred from influenza, which is not a notifiable complaint. All the above cases were Chinese. The return for the 24 hours ended on April 25th shows 1 Indian and 1 Chinese case of small-pox, and 1 case of cerebro-spinal fever (Chinese).

MR. M. J. D. STEPHENS.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Matthew John Denman Stephens, which occurred at his residence, No. 5, Peak Road, at 8 o'clock last evening, after an illness of about three weeks' duration.

The late Mr. Stephens, we believe, as far as age goes, the oldest British resident in the Colony, being 83 at the time of his death, and in respect to length of residence was second only to the Hon. Sir Paul Chater who came to the Colony eight years before him.

The deceased gentleman was the senior legal practitioner in the Colony. He came of an old legal family, his father and grandfather having practised as solicitors in Chatham, Kent, for over a hundred years. Admitted solicitor at Home in 1863, Mr. Stephens came to Hongkong in August 1872 and was admitted to practice as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of the Colony in January 1873. At that time there were only three legal firms established on the island, including the one which Mr. Stephens joined. He has been for many years past alone in his practice. Mr. Stephens was a conveyancer and a Proctor of the Supreme Court of Hongkong, Notary Public and Trade Mark Agent. He was also a member of the Law Society and a Solicitor of H.B.M.'s Supreme Court for China. He was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1918. His residence in the Colony has been broken only by short trips to England, with the exception of one lasting about two years.

The late Mr. Stephens had the reputation of being one of the wealthiest as well as one of the oldest residents of the Colony. He was, we believe, the first British resident to build in Kowloon, and he owned considerable property in Hongkong. He was a rather eccentric man and on that account had few very intimate friends, but his sterling honesty of purpose was generally recognised. It was said of him that he did good with his wealth by stealth. We are unable to recall any public philanthropy associated with his name, except the large donation he gave at the solicitation of the late Sir Henry May towards providing the nucleus of a fund for the building of the European Y.M.C.A. at Kowloon, which is now nearing completion. The late Mr. Stephens and Sir Ellis Kadoorie between them put up \$70,000 towards the project.

The deceased gentleman is survived by his wife, with whom much sympathy will be felt in her bereavement.

The funeral will pass the Monument at 4.15 p.m. evening. The Rev. W. T. Teatherstone, who visited the late Mr. Stephens several times during his illness, is attending to the funeral arrangements.

OBITUARY.

MR. M. J. D. STEPHENS.

We regret to record the death of Mr

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
[FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN"]
PRESIDENT OF GERMANY.
MARSHAL VON HINDENBURG
SHOWS LITTLE ENTHUSIASM.
FOREIGN REGRETS AT RESULT.

LONDON, April 28th.
The Times says that the election of Marshal von Hindenburg is regrettable both in the interests of Germany and England. The event is serious because it is an ostentatious manifestation of the fact that the opinions and sentiments of many millions of German voters are as monarchist and reactionary as before the war. The defiant choice of an avowed upholder of the Hohenzollerns cannot fail to quicken and intensify the distrust of German intentions, existing in France and elsewhere, unless and until Germany's attitude under Hindenburg towards the Dawes scheme is one of unflinching honesty and good faith.

The present reluctance of America and Britain to grant further credits to Germany is hardly likely to diminish.
RESTRAINED REGRET.
LONDON, April 28th.

There is an atmosphere of restrained regret in the newspapers, which have generally adopted a "wait and see attitude" with regard to Marshal von Hindenburg's election.

The Daily Chronicle says there is no occasion for hasty steps and ill-considered criticism.
The Daily Herald considers Marshal von Hindenburg is not likely to do anything impulsive or foolish.

The Daily News avows British statesmen must play the part of peace-makers, recognising the enormous strength of German Liberalism which is one of the most astonishing and hopeful movements in the new Europe.

The Daily Graphic considers the return of the Hohenzollerns matters little—the return of the spirit of the Hohenzollerns matters much. Germany, at the least, has taken the first step backward.

The Daily Telegraph considers that Marshal von Hindenburg is a political nonentity. His triumph is largely the work of one of the most active and dangerous politicians in Europe—Admiral von Tirpitz—who may be relied upon to make the fullest use of the opportunities now opened to him and his friends.

The Morning Post states that the joy-bells in Berlin, which are ringing the victory of Hindenburg, are also sounding the knell of democratic Government in Germany.

The Daily Mail considers that if the Democracy immediately answers to the strong lead, German industry will be stimulated to the utmost, increasing Britain's trading difficulties.

PESSIMISM IN BELGRADE.

BELGRADE, April 28th.
The newspaper comment on Marshal von Hindenburg's election is pessimistic. The semi-official Retek declares that the election is a fresh defiance of Europe and the civilised world. The election will be the starting point of a campaign for the amendment of all treaties and the elimination of all obstacles in the way of Germany again becoming mistress of the world.

POLES DEEPLY IMPRESSED.

WARSAW, April 28th.
The election of Marshal von Hindenburg has deeply impressed Polish public opinion. The newspapers are confident the Allies will take steps to secure themselves against the return of German aggression.

EQUIVOCATION DISPELLED.

PARIS, April 28th.
The papers state that von Hindenburg's election dispels any equivocation. Le Quotidien, the organ of the left bloc, says that France, who gave so many proofs of pacifism and generosity, will not henceforth grant concessions which, in view of the revival of German militarism, would be but failings.
Le Figaro remarks that the election is fully significant for it occurred in no way as the result of abasement from abroad, but at the time when other countries were paying deference to Germany.

Le Gaulois estimates that the election makes clear the sense of the German offer of a pact of guarantee.
Le Petit Journal says the Allies must break a problem of security and take all necessary steps.
Le Matin writes that the Allies must face the new situation without prejudice, but with firmness—Havas.

VIEWS IN HOLLAND.

AMSTERDAM, April 28th.
The Handelsblad states that the election of Hindenburg shows how clearly the German people are still dominated by sentimental as opposed to political feelings. His success primarily is personal.

STILL THERE IN PARIS.

PARIS, April 28th.
The election of Hindenburg is still the dominating theme to-day. The newspapers generally reiterating that however disappointing the result may be, it has the advantage of showing the Allies and the world the innermost feelings of the German people.

Le Matin says that Germany will now be very closely watched by the Little Entente, and certain defensive agreements—thought impossible a few days ago—will now be signed without difficulty.

TRIBUTE TO IDOL.

MELBOURNE, April 28th.
The Argus is of opinion that von Hindenburg's election is merely a tribute to a popular idol. It derives comfort from the small Communist vote.

The Melbourne Age declares that the "Hindenburg Line" in politics can threaten no danger that Britain and her Allies are incapable of meeting.

ITALIAN PRESS OPINION.

ROME, April 28th.
The Fascist organ, Popolo d'Italia, rejoices at the anti-democratic verdict in Germany. The anti-Fascist Corriere della Sera regards April 28th as an ill-fated day for the forces fighting for order, democracy and European pacification.

ASTONISHMENT IN BELGIUM.

BRUSSELS, April 28th.
Astonishment is the keynote of Belgian comments. Hope is expressed that those who still believed that Germany was evolving in the direction of wisdom and peace, have now had their eyes opened.

REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.

NEW YORK, April 28th.
The World says the election of Hindenburg, like the return of Caillaux, symbolises French renunciation of constitutional mastery. Hindenburg symbolises the German refusal to accept a permanent position of inferiority in Europe. If France has the grace to acknowledge Germany's position as a nation; and the German Nationalists have the sense not to exploit their slender victory, then the outcome may be far better than the name of Hindenburg suggests.

The New York Times says the immediate effect of the Nationalists' triumph on Germany's enemies obviously represents no gain for the cause of European appeasement. Hindenburg's pledge of loyalty to the Republic is undoubtedly sincere. He is unlikely, at his age, to lend himself to any desperate adventure; but it is still to be seen whether the unrepentant Monarchist element will not read in the election a mandate to press forward.

The Herald-Tribune says the Reich, in choosing Hindenburg, cut off its nose to spite its face, and heedlessly humiliated the most useful friends of Germany abroad, and immensely strengthened France's case against Germany.
Whilst no official comment on Hindenburg is obtainable, it is known Treasury officials regard the election as indicating a tendency among the majority of Germans towards conservatism, not justifying apprehension over the financial situation.

Fears held in some quarters that the election will cause important banking interests to withhold support, are discounted on the ground that American investors rarely care about the political situation as long as the Governmental machine is functioning as well as the German machine is regarded as doing.

Yesterday's reaction on the money market, particularly as regards German bonds, is regarded as temporary.

[REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.]**EARLIER CABLES.****THE NEW PRESIDENT.**

BERLIN, April 28th.
President von Hindenburg, who heard of his election while staying with a friend in the country near Hanover, did not show great enthusiasm.
The President is expected in Berlin on Thursday; and no doubt he will receive a tremendous reception.
It is not likely that the German foreign policy will be strikingly changed during Marshal Hindenburg's presidency. His advisers are well aware that the only safe foreign policy for Germany is the one she has followed during the past year. Moreover, the fact that the Reichstag contained a majority of the Left parties will also tend to check any possible aspirations of President Hindenburg's counsellors as regards any change in foreign policy. It is generally thought that President Hindenburg will try and lead a quiet life, but it is feared that his reactionary entourage may try to change the internal situation. It is thought will be strongly opposed by the Socialists and Democrats, who comprise about 29 per cent of the German electorate.

VICTORY UNEXPECTED.

President Hindenburg's victory by as many as 900,000 votes, was unexpected, and was perhaps partly due to the fact that 3,000,000 more electors voted than on March 29th, mostly apparently for Marshal Hindenburg, for whom women curiously appear to have voted en masse. Dr. Marx polled 300,000 more votes than on March 29th, but Marshal Hindenburg's personality proved too strong for the Marx programme.

Most of the cities, including Berlin and the Rhineland, voted for Dr. Marx, and Bavaria, East Prussia and the country districts for Marshal Hindenburg.

Herr Thaelmann, the Communist candidate, held his own compared with the election on March 29th, and he even slightly increased his poll in some places, but Communism does not seem to be making the progress its supporters had hoped in Germany.

GERMAN PRESS VIEWS.

BERLIN, April 27th.
Jubilant tempered by caution is the keynote of the Right Party press organs' comment on Marshal Hindenburg's election as President of the German Republic, while the supporters of the Left are taking their defeat with remarkable equanimity, merely expressing the hope that the new President will not listen to the wild counsels of the monarchist entourage.

The Nationalist view is reflected in the Kreuz Zeitung and the Deutsche Zeitung, which hail the election as the beginning of Germany's post-war renaissance. Both papers look to President Hindenburg to restore respect for Germany among the nations.

Dr. Strömann's Zeit expresses the opinion of monarchist reaction, and adds that the foreign policy will remain unaltered.

The Democratic Berliner Tageblatt draws attention to the irony of the fact that the "paladin of Wilhelm II" will have to take the oath to the Republican Constitution before a Socialist President in the Reichstag and under the Republican banner.

The Socialist Vorwärts looks to the Republicans to lead the Republic from the danger to which it is exposed through the election.

BRITISH AND FRENCH OPINION.

LONDON, April 27th.
Well-informed circles in London are reserving their opinions on the result of the German election, but apparently they are confident that it does not mean any change in the German foreign policy, but the tone of certain French newspapers suggests that the election of Marshal Hindenburg may not render easier the future "conversations" of Germany with France and other Governments.

"GERMANY UNMASKED."

PARIS, April 27th.
French official circles point out that the election of Marshal von Hindenburg should at least have the advantage of opening the eyes of the world to the fact that the Germans are militarist at heart. The opinion prevails that Germany unmasked, with Marshal Hindenburg is preferable to a Germany camouflaged with Dr. Marx.

LATEST CABLES.**SEIZURE ON "ARAFURA."**

SIDNEY, April 28th.
The parcels seized on the s.s. Arafura, on April 24th, contained 1537 tins of opium, valued at £15,000. The drug will be burnt in the presence of Customs Officers.

RUSSIA'S WORKING WOMEN.

MOSCOW, April 28th.
A delegation of five British Trade Unionist women have arrived here. They intend to study the position of the working women in Russia.

EARLIER CABLES.**M. BERTHELOT.**

PARIS, April 27th.
M. Berthelot has been reinstated in the post of Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which he held at the time of the failure of the Banque Industrielle de Chine.

CABINET APPOINTMENTS.**SUCCESSORS TO LORD CURZON IN MINISTRY.**

LONDON, April 27th.
Earl Balfour has been appointed Lord President of the Council, and Lord Salisbury has been appointed Leader in the House of Lords, both succeeding the late Lord Curzon.

ITALIAN WORLD FLIGHT.

MAJOR DI PINEDO REACHES BUSHIRE.

ROME, April 27th.
The airman, Major Di Pinedo, engaged on a flight round the world, who left Sesto Calende on April 22nd, is reported to have left Baghdad for Bushire to-day.

SAFE ARRIVAL.

BUSHIRE, April 27th.
The airman Major Di Pinedo has arrived here.

[A Rome message of January 29th, stated that the Chief of the Air Staff, Major Di Pinedo, proposed to start on a world flight in May from Rome via Athens, Egypt, the Red Sea, southern coast of Asia, Tokyo, the Pacific Archipelago and Sydney, a total distance of about 35,000 kilometres.]

BOXING AT HOME.

ERNIE IZZARD RETAINS TITLE TO CHAMPIONSHIP.

LONDON, April 27th.
At the National Sporting Club, in a 20-round contest for the lightweight championship of Great Britain, Ernie Izzard retained his title by gaining the decision on points against Teddy Baker. Both boxers hail from London.

THE FIGHT DESCRIBED.

The bout was fast and interesting throughout. Izzard had the advantage of height and reach, and was mostly better at long range work, using a splendid straight left to the face and body; while Baker did well in clinches and got in some nasty right uppercuts and right hooks.

Baker was always dangerous, as he put plenty of power behind his blows. The fortunes of the fight fluctuated considerably, but towards the end Izzard took a clear lead, and won on points.

FOOTBALL AT HOME.

LATEST RESULTS IN LEAGUE MATCHES.

LONDON, April 27th.
In the first division of the English League, Everton and Sheffield United divided two goals.

In the second division, Chelsea beat Stoke by two goals to one, and Barnsley beat Wolverhampton by one goal to nil.

In the Northern League, Accrington were defeated by New Brighton by one goal to nil.

AMATEUR TENNIS.

HON. C. BRUCE WILL MEET E. BAERLEIN.

LONDON, April 27th.
At Queen's Club, in the amateur tennis championship, Hon. C. Bruce, Queen's Club, beat A. Tylor, Queen's Club, 6/1, 5/3 and 6/3.

The winner meets E. Baerlein (holder) in the challenge round.

LATEST CABLES.

[REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.]
STABILISING EXCHANGE.

U.S. SECRETARY OF TREASURY EXPRESSES OPINION.

WASHINGTON, April 28th.
Mr. Andrew Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, is of opinion that purchasing pound sterling bills on the open market is a desirable means of stabilising exchange.

It is denied Mr. Mellon was consulted in regard of the verbal agreements, said to have been reached between the New York Federal Reserve Bank and the Bank of England, but Treasury officials explained that he regarded such Anglo-American financial co-operation as a progressive step.

Whilst it is generally believed Britain will seek credit here to offset bills taken up by the Federal Reserve Bank, it is declared that Mr. Mellon is unaware of plans for a loan, although he regarded such a move as the obvious one. It is reported that the British are contemplating a loan of between a half and three quarters of a billion dollars. Mr. Mellon thought this could be used to steady matters in any emergency and would probably be kept intact most of the time, since he did not believe sterling exchange would suffer more than temporary fluctuations, after attaining parity.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.**[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]****THE SHAMHEEN CASE.**

LEAVE TO APPEAL GRANTED TO CROWN.

SHANGHAI, April 28th.

In H.B.M. Supreme Court to-day, Mr. H. P. Wilkinson, the Crown Advocate, moved for leave to appeal against the judgment in the Shamheen case, given on December 5th.

The application was granted.

SHANGHAI OPIUM CASE.

MR. EZRA'S BAIL BOND IS REDUCED.

SHANGHAI, April 28th.

The Canton Road opium case, in which Mr. Ezra is prosecutor, opened in the Mixed Court to-day. The case was adjourned for a special hearing.

Mr. Musso, Counsel for Mr. Ezra, claimed that his client had rendered a service to the community by unearthing such a vast quantity of opium. Mr. Ezra's bail was reduced to Tls. 2,000.

POLITICAL SITUATION IN CHINA.

[FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN"]

ADVISORY COUNCIL.**CHIEF EXECUTIVE IS CALLING PREPARATORY MEETING.**

PEKING, April 27th.

A mandate regarding the convocation of the Provisional Advisory Council is still in abeyance.

A special meeting is to be held at the headquarters of the chief Executive, Tuan Chi Jui, this afternoon to discuss the appointment of members.

As soon as the members are selected a mandate will be issued.

SITUATION IN SZECHUAN.**YANG SEN STILL IN CONTROL OF THE PROVINCE.**

PEKING, April 27th.

According to Chinese reports, Yang Sen so far is holding his own in Szechuan.

Yang Sen is reported to possess more money and ammunition than his opponents. His forces are stated to number about 60,000, while his enemies have about 80,000, but Yang Sen's forces are more homogeneous. Neither side has quite sufficient rifles to arm the numbers mentioned.

INDUSTRIES IN JAPAN.**PREMIER EMPHASISES THE NEED OF READJUSTMENT.**

OSAKA, April 27th.

The Premier, speaking here to-day, emphasised the importance of industrial and commercial readjustment after a period of speculation boom.

The Premier pointed out that such readjustment was not yet completed, but he said that "an invalid needs nourishment as well as medicine," and he expressed the hope that the recent lowering of the bank rate would help business.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.**CARTER THE MAGICIAN.**

Carter, the magician, who is appearing at the Queen's Theatre, not only entertains his audience, but also succeeds in completely mystifying them by his performance. The programme is full of interest, and it would take a very wide-awake observer effectively to pierce the cloak that veils the secret of each item.

One of the principal items in the programme each day include a turn by Miss Evelyn Maxwell, described as the Psychic Phenomenon in an exposition of mental telepathy. Other contributions are Carter's illusions, The Magical Divorce, which is literally and metaphorically "out of sight," and the enigma of The Crystal Case. In addition, Carter impersonated the great Chinese magicians, an act which was particularly well-received last night. The feat of sawing a woman in half and the illusion of "The Beauty and the Lion" are also drawing cards.

At the Marine Court yesterday, before Lieut. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., a junk-master was fined \$10, with ten days' hard labour in default, for anchoring in the Central Fairway.

Sir John Anderson, Eastcott, Mid-Jesse, formerly of Singapore, at one time a member of the Legislative Council of the Straits Settlements, and chairman of the Opium Commission, for thirty years Siamese Consul-General at Singapore, who died in December, aged 72 years, left unsettled property in England of the gross value of £2,917, with net personality £4,400.

THE PEKING CONFERENCE.**RULES PASSED FOR NATIONAL DELEGATE CONFERENCE.**

The Reorganisation Conference approved the following regulations in connection with the National Delegate Conference which is to be shortly convened:—

PART I (PRINCIPLE).

1. The Provisional Government of the Republic of China, for the purpose of enacting the National Constitution and the enforcing appendix, convenes a National Delegate Conference.

2. The drafting of the Constitution will be done by a National Constitution Drafting Committee. The time taken by this Committee to draft the document shall not exceed three months. As soon as the Constitution has been drafted the Committee shall submit it to the Chief Executive, who will pass it on to the National Delegates Conference.

3. The Drafting Committee shall consist of the following persons:—One delegate designated by each of the civil and military authorities of the various provinces, one delegate from each of the Special Districts, 20 delegates detailed by the Provisional Chief Executive, two delegates from Mongolia, two from Tibet and one from Kokonor.

4. The members of the Drafting Committee shall be entitled to be present at the National Delegate Conference to answer queries relating to the drafting. Public bodies throughout the country will be entitled to forward to the Drafting Committee their views with regard to the Constitution.

5. The Conference will be assembled at the place where the Government is situated.

6. The Conference shall remain in session for three months, beginning from the date of its inauguration, and this period may be prolonged one month.

7. Three-fifths of the total membership of the Conference shall constitute a quorum.

8. Resolutions, to become effective, must be agreed to by two-thirds of those present.

9. The resolution to be carried by the Conference with regard to the National Constitution and the appendix thereto shall be promulgated by the Conference itself.

PART II (ORGANISATION).

The Conference shall consist of the following representatives:—Sixteen members elected from each of the following provinces:—Kilin, Heilungkiang, Fukien, Shensi, Kansu, Sinkiang, Kuangsi, Yunnan and Kweichow, 18 members from Fengtien, Anhui, Hupei and Hunan; 19 members from Shansi, 20 members from Kwangtung; 22 members from Szechuan and Honan; 24 members from Shantung and Kiangsu; 27 members from Kiangsi and Chihli.

Eight members will be elected from each of the Special Districts of the Metropolitan Area:—Johol, Chahar, Suiyuan and Hsinking; 30 members will be elected from both Inner and Outer Mongolia; 16 members will be elected from Tibet and 5 from Kokonor; 19 members will be elected by the overseas Chinese.

ROUND-UP OF BEGGARS.**HUNDREDS DEPORTED THIS YEAR.**

In connection with the police crusade that is being conducted against the local mendicants, which has been referred to in these columns during the past few days, it is interesting to note that since January a total of 589 beggars have been sent away from Hongkong since January 1st.

Of this number, 202 were deported in January; 82 in February; 62 in March and 254 so far this month. It has further been ascertained that thirty of them have been sent back twice; five of them six times; 8 three times; 4 ten times; and one, a small boy, 9 times. There have been 17 prosecutions and convictions so far.

Last night a batch of mendicants, numbering about 100, were deported from the Colony.

The woman who appeared at the Magistracy last Saturday, in company with a small boy, on a charge of begging, and who had a cheque for \$300 in her possession, was sent to prison for fourteen days, the small boy being sent to Po Leung Kuk. After she has completed her sentence, the woman is to be brought before the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, when the cheque will be handed back to her. A money represented subscription by a few Chinese sympathisers as an endowment to the boy consequent on the death of his father.

'OBITUARY.'**M. LOUIS ARDAIN.**

M. Louis Ardain, for many years manager of the Banque de l'Indo-Chine at Shanghai, passed away on April 24th at the Ste. Marie Hospital. M. Ardain was a Chevalier of the Legion d'Honneur and a member of the Committee of the French Chamber of Commerce. He was also a member of the board of directors of the International Savings Society and the Assurance Franco-Asiatique. The deceased first came to the East for the firm known as the Credit Lyonnais in Calcutta, but afterwards joined the Banque de l'Indo-Chine and served in many of its branches, including those at Saigon, Bangkok, Canton, Hongkong, Singapore, Haiphong and Hanoi. He was appointed manager in Shanghai in 1910. The deceased only returned from leave last October.

M. Ardain was a member of the Shanghai Club and was for some years a member of the General Committee. He was also a member of the Country Club and was much esteemed amongst his friends and associates. The deceased who was 55 years of age leaves behind him a wife and one son who are at present in Shanghai.

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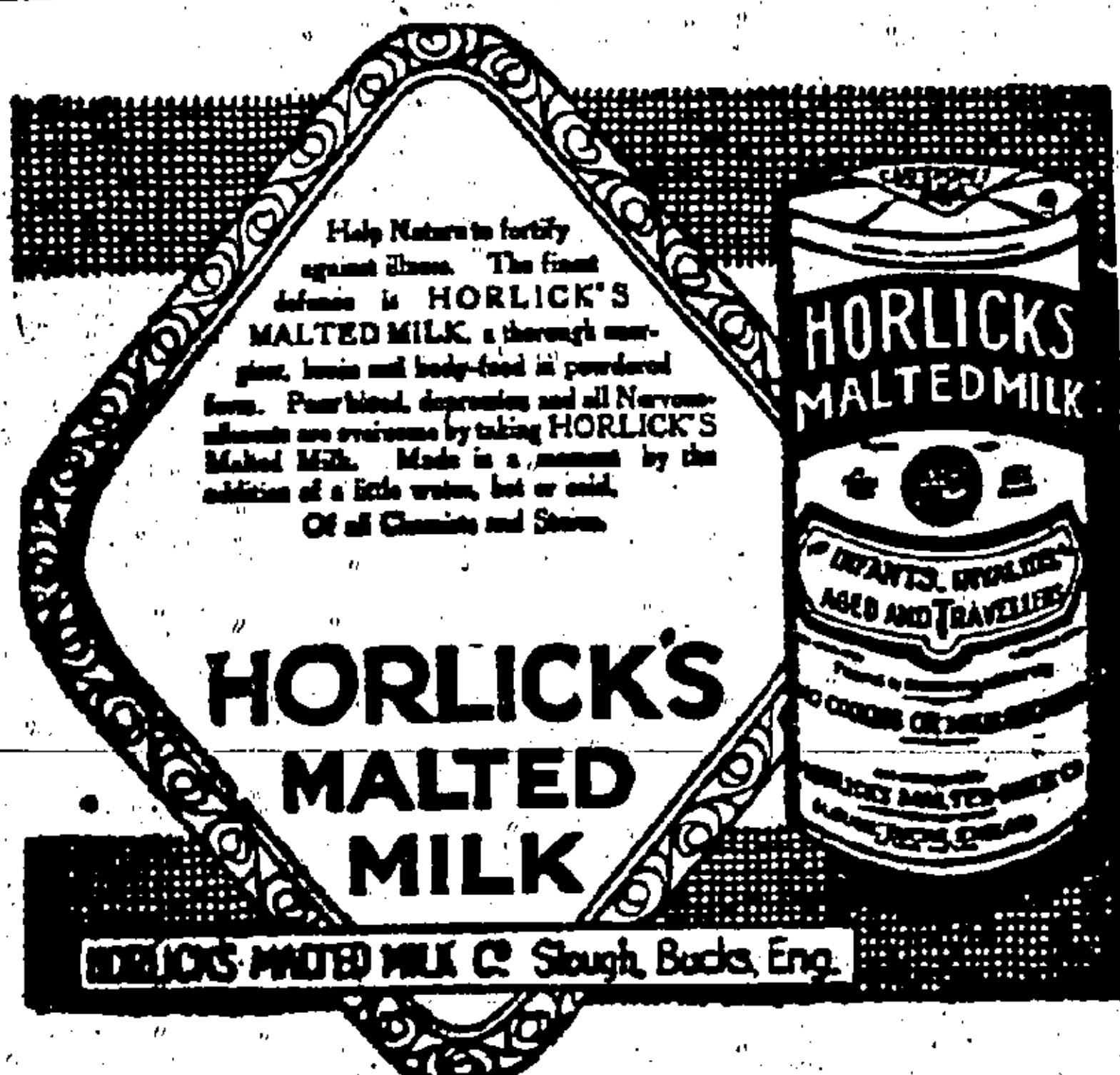
Writing from Singapore, under date March 31st, 1925, Sir Geoffrey Thomas, Private Secretary to H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, says:—

Sir—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant and am pleased to say that the copy of the 60th annual edition of "THE DIRECTORY & CHRONICLE FOR CHINA, JAPAN, THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, ETC., ETC." which His Royal Highness has been pleased to accept, and which will be extremely useful during the remainder of the tour.

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VULGAR MISSES.

"MANNERLESS BEHAVIOUR" OF THE MODERN GIRL.

Vague denunciations of the modern girl achieve little. They leave her calmly indifferent and her critics still baffled. But an actual illustration of the "mannerless" of Miss 1925, will let her see herself as others see her. writes Lady Bland-Sutton in the *Weekly Dispatch*, and perhaps induce her to think it over. "The other day a friend of mine who was to dine with a lady who might quite well be described as 'grande dame,' asked if he might take with him and introduce to her a girl whom he thought would make an amusing addition to the party after a walk. She said she would be delighted to see her.

"Dinner was at seven, for the play began at eight. When, therefore, at a quarter past seven the girl had not turned up, the hostess decided that she would wait no longer. So they went in to dinner.

ROUGH-SHOD METHODS.

"Half an hour late the girl appeared. She walked straight up to her friend, ignoring her hostess, and said she was too terribly sorry, but her pig of a man—curist had kept her waiting. The girl, coming aware that she was in a strange house, she turned, gave a vague smile in the direction of her hostess, and sank into her seat with an air of exhaustion.

"She decided that she would forego the soup, but being thirsty she would substitute champagne, thereby making her hostess wonder if, inadvertently, she was entertaining a diplomata.

"Almost before she had started to devour a half-cold sole she turned to the guest on her right, demanded and got a match, and lit a cigarette.

"As soon as she had finished her cigarette, which she had puffed to the accompaniment of staccato remarks to her neighbour, still entirely disregarding her hostess, she produced a bag of the proportions of a small suit case, and extracted a powder puff, a lip-stick, an eyebrow-pencil, and, finally, a comb, which she laid beside her plate.

ATTACK—AND DEFENCE.

"All the mysteries of make-up were then revealed to the startled guests. They saw one shade of powder being applied to the chin, another to the forehead. They saw the gradual drawing of a Cupid's bow. They saw the elaborate birth of a row of eyelashes. And, lastly, they saw what some of them had never seen before—the intimate method by which a staid-looking girl combs her hair. "This crowning touch was too much for the long-suffering hostess. With an icy glance at the girl she waited for a moment's silence and then inquired, 'Would you like to go upstairs to a bedroom?'

"Entirely unabashed, the girl greeted the shattering inspection with a bright smile, and drawled: 'Oh, no—thanks very much. But, if you don't mind, I should rather like to pop out for a minute and do a little telephoning.'

"The hostess gave a gasp of dismay, and then gave vent to her feelings.

"She said that Miss—was vulgar, stupid, outrageous. If a girl had behaved like that in her day she would have been ostracised from all decent society. She said all that, and a great deal more—and I entirely agree with her.

NOTE OF OPTIMISM.

"But I can end these gloomy observations with one note of optimism. The girl was about twenty-five years old, and one has noticed among many of the younger ones—from seventeen to twenty—who are just making their start in life, a decided improvement. They are smoking less, drinking less, and even occasionally showing an unpowdered cheek to an astonished world. It is quite time.

FASHIONS AND PORTRAITS.

The President of the Royal Academy has done what was generally believed to be impossible. He has found a new reason for condemning the girl of the period and the fashion of the moment, and we suspect that it may be long before he hears the last of this achievement.

What is wrong with the fair and their fashions? It passes the wit of painter, says Sir Frank Dicksee, to make out of them portraits which will be a disgrace to future generations. He is at pains to point out that the modern woman's beauty, but so perverse is she that she has ended herself in a fashion which Aphrodite could hardly carry off. If ladies like to have their waists appear where artists know their hips to be, says the President, surely, it will be unwise so to paint them, and if the artist really loves his art he will not do it. Not from the fashion of our time, ugly or sublime, will such a picture be painted as Gainsborough's "Mrs. Siddons." We incline to agree with Sir Frank. The most vehement admirer of modernity will find it hard to prove that the modes of the hour have anything of the grand manner about them. But what are the ladies and the artists to do? As sculptors love to put their heroes into uniform or robes, or any rig which may conceal the horror of the trousers, so the painter may insist upon the fair coming in some sort of fancy dress. But the trouble is that portraits, even of the fair, are seldom considered solely as works of art. They have also to be records, family possessions, and so forth. If Lady Clara Vere de Vere is painted in 1925 in the costume of the Pompadour, the picture may be beautiful, but it will not satisfy as a family portrait. The painter and the sitter must endeavour to arrive at a compromise which, while offering reasonable satisfaction to anatomical orthodoxy, will suggest the truth of the period. Perhaps the President despairs too easily of the resources of his art. This is not the only period in which fashion has debased or misrepresented the female form. Rubens painted some portraits of women which are thought lovable, but no precision in anatomy would allow that the modes of that time gave Nature fair play. *Daily Telegraph*.

ANNOYING-NEIGHBOURS.

LEGAL RIGHTS AGAINST GRIEVANCES.

Neighbours are not always "neighbourly," and one is sometimes exasperated into wondering how much it is necessary to endure before one may "take action." A barrister, writing in the *Daily Mail*, gives a few points.

Your neighbour has no right to keep his pathway or garden tidy by dumping his refuse over the fence and leaving you to find a last resting-place for it; nor can he drain the rain-off his summer-house into your garden or on to your roof; if he does, you can summon him.

You are entitled to the peaceful and pleasant occupation of your premises, and anything that infringes that occupancy may be held to be a nuisance. Your neighbour is not entitled for instance to carry on any offensive or noisome trade even though he was there before you came.

Some nuisances we can abate, ourselves. If your neighbour places offensive matter adjoining your house you may remove it. If his trees overhang your garden you may cut off the offending branches without his permission.

But you may not enter upon his premises without permission, unless the matter is one of urgency—as, for instance, if his shed is on fire adjoining your fence, or a pipe has burst and is flooding your premises.

If your neighbour's cat disturbs your bulbs, and his dog tramples on your flower-beds, you have no redress unless you can prove that his pets are of a mischievous disposition and the owner is aware of it. Nor must you lay traps or destroy them unless you find them doing serious damage.

WOMAN DOCTOR'S SACRIFICE.

How one of the resident women doctors gave her blood to a baby patient and so probably saved its life, although the doctor herself is too modest to say so, was told to a Press representative at the infants' Hospital, Vincent-square, Westminster. The baby, an 11-month-old girl twin from Shadwell, was in a wasting condition when received at the hospital, and two months treatment produced no improvement. It was then decided to try blood transfusion. The father was not available for the operation, the mother gave her blood but fainted and the doctor in charge of the child volunteered. Three times in the course of ten days blood was transfused, the amount given on all being half a pint, and with each transfusion the baby put on weight. She weighed 10lb. before transfusion and 10½lb. a fortnight later, since when the child has improved enormously.

RADIO WORLD'S FAIR.

The new offices of the Second Radio World's Fair, located on the Fifteenth Floor of the *Times* Building, Broadway, at Grand Street, New York, have been formally opened and Directors U. J. Hermann and James F. Kerr are already arranging the final details of the big Exposition, which is to be held in the 25th Field Artillery Armory, September 14th to 19th.

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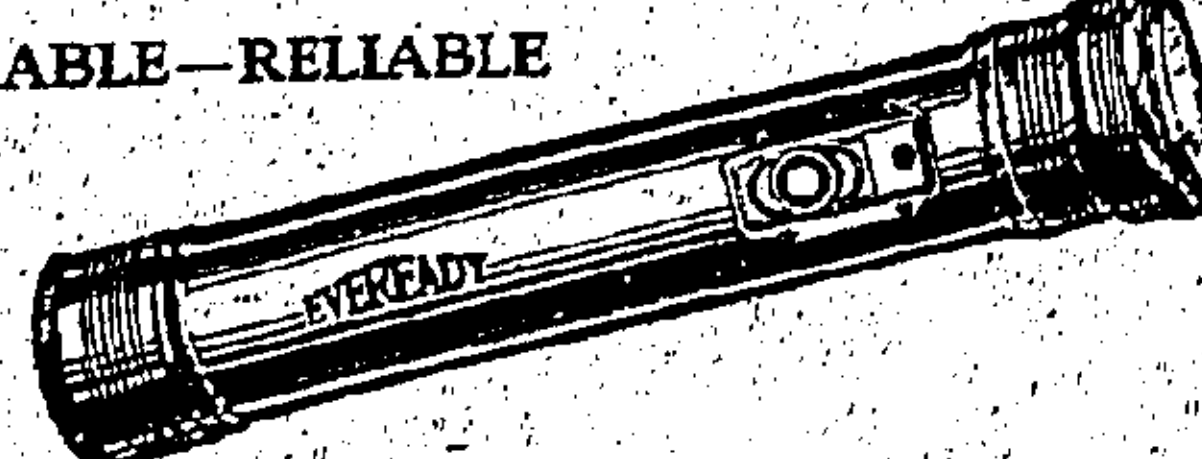
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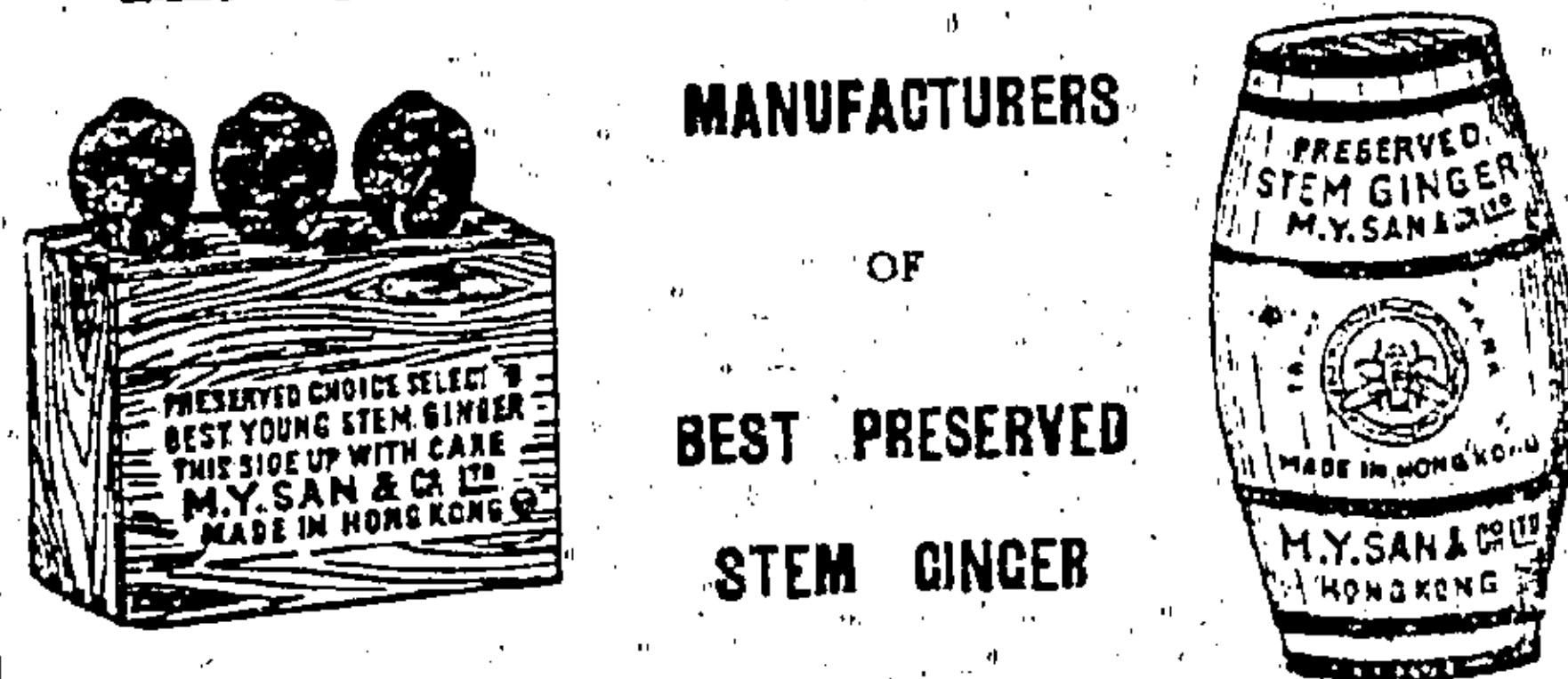
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NEW ZEALAND IN NINE DAYS.
 Commander Burney estimates that the most economical bases for the new vessels will be Baghdad, which should be reached in two days, Colombo (in four days), Fremantle (in six and a half days), and Auckland, New Zealand, in nine days. Carefully worked out designs provide accommodation for passengers within the body of this new stream-line vessel superior to any yet devised for airship travellers. There will be ample sleeping, eating and rest rooms. Hot meals will be provided, and passengers will enjoy far greater amenities than those provided by long land journeys.

The mooring mast provides an entirely new method of attachment for an airship to a mast. Highly important commercial as well as strategic results must follow from the use of a mooring mast which can be constructed on a floating base.

In the mast we find the usual central lift by which passengers ascend to the platform and pass to their saloons in the airship. At the platform level the new design provides a revolutionary change. Two arms extend on a horizontal plane, and embrace the nose of the airship when moored. Along one gangway arms the passengers pass to the interior of the airship. The arms rotate around the fixed centre, thus enabling the ship to approach from any quarter according to the state of the wind.

— FLOTTING BASES —

When the airship is approaching a floating base she drops two bridge ropes from either side of the nose temporarily united at the extremities. These are picked up by a motor-boat from the mooring vessel, to which they are conveyed. They are the main guides to safe harbourage within the arms of the mast.

On reaching the mast other guides and ropes are attached, and gradually the great vessel is not only drawn into position but so anchored there that whatever the weather a rigid connection is made between the arms and the vessel at two points on either side the nose.

It is understood that the Airship Guarantee Company will proceed with its constructional work on the lines indicated above so far as the airship is concerned, and it is expected that the construction of mooring masts on the new plan will also be undertaken.

THE NEW LLOYD'S.
FOUNDATION STONE TO BE LAID BY THE KING.
 The King has consented to lay the foundation-stone of the new Lloyd's building on May 29th.
 A guard of honour consisting of 100 officers and men will be furnished by Lloyd's Anti-Aircraft Battery, under the command of Major J. S. Allen, M.C., Queen Victoria opened the present Lloyd's Exchange (the third), in 1844.
 The new building is on a site on the East India Avenue estate, opposite the P. & O. offices in Leadenhall Street and close to the Baltic Shipping and Mercantile Exchange and to the Commercial Safe Rooms in Mincing Lane. The building was designed by Sir Edwin Cooper. When completed, the block will house both Lloyd's and the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company. The main frontage to Leadenhall Street will be 282 feet long, and the Lime Street facade will extend 372 feet. There will be nine storeys above ground and two basement floors.
 The main entrance to Lloyd's will be in Leadenhall Street, and its design is one of the most imposing features of the whole plan. From here a vaulted approach will lead to the great hall, or "Room," where the business of underwriters and brokers will be done. Each side of this approach will be occupied by a bank. There will be other entrances and approaches to the "Room" from Lime Street. The "Room" is designed to occupy the main part of the area of the site and will be 180 feet square. There will also be a library, committee rooms, and various offices. On one of

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WEATHER REPORT.

April 28th at 11:30.—Pressure has decreased slightly at Chefoo. It has increased slightly at the majority of other reporting stations.

The anticyclone has strengthened. Moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the northern part of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, April 28th 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 20.92 inches, against an average of 10.22 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, April 29th is as follows:—

Distance 4. Forecast:
 Formosa Channel N. winds, moderate.
 Hongkong to Gap Rock N.E. winds, moderate; cloudy, drizzle or mist.

South coast of China between Hongkong and Lancashire do.
 South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan do.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.
 Hongkong Observatory, April 28th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	29.92	29.94	29.85
Temperature	70	68	67
Humidity	71	69	70
Wind Direction	E	E	ESE
Force	5	3	3
Weather	0	0	0
Rain	0.01	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air temperature on 27th ... 71

Lowest open-air temperature on 28th ... 64

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From April 29th to May 5th, 1925.

Day of Week	Day of Month	High Water		Low Water	
		Time	Height	Time	Height
Wed.	29	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		11.57	5 0	8.45	2 0
Thurs.	30	11.57	5 0	8.45	2 0
		0.33	5 8	9.56	2 0
Fri.	1	11.57	5 0	11.38	2 0
		1.32	5 3	11.38	2 0
Satur.	2	7.31	4 3	10.38	1 4
		3.27	5 3	11.38	1 4
Sun.	3	7.31	4 3	11.38	1 4
		4.18	5 3	11.38	1 4
Mon.	4	7.31	4 3	11.38	1 4
		5.16	5 3	11.38	1 4
Tues.	5	7.31	4 3	11.38	1 4
		7.10	5 7	11.38	2 8

MANKIND UNWORTHY.

THINKER SAYS CREATION WAS HARDLY WORTH WHILE.

We have reason to think that the antiquity of the solar system is enormous, declared Sir Oliver Lodge, in an address broadcast recently from all stations of the British Broadcasting Company. The ages of the earth's past, he said, seem to have been a sort of preparation for the life and mind which now is, and for that which is to come. The outcome so far may seem hardly worth all the labour and time spent in preparation. We may hope, however, that mankind will gradually become worthy of the magnificent scene in which its lot is cast. Everything points to a rational scheme or plan, of which we know neither the beginning nor the end, but towards the fulfilment of which we can help. Shall we crawl about on the surface of the planet and sting each other here in the dust and die? Or shall we realise that we are the heir of all the ages, that the destiny of mankind is being partly entrusted to us, and that humanity has a potential future beyond our dreams?

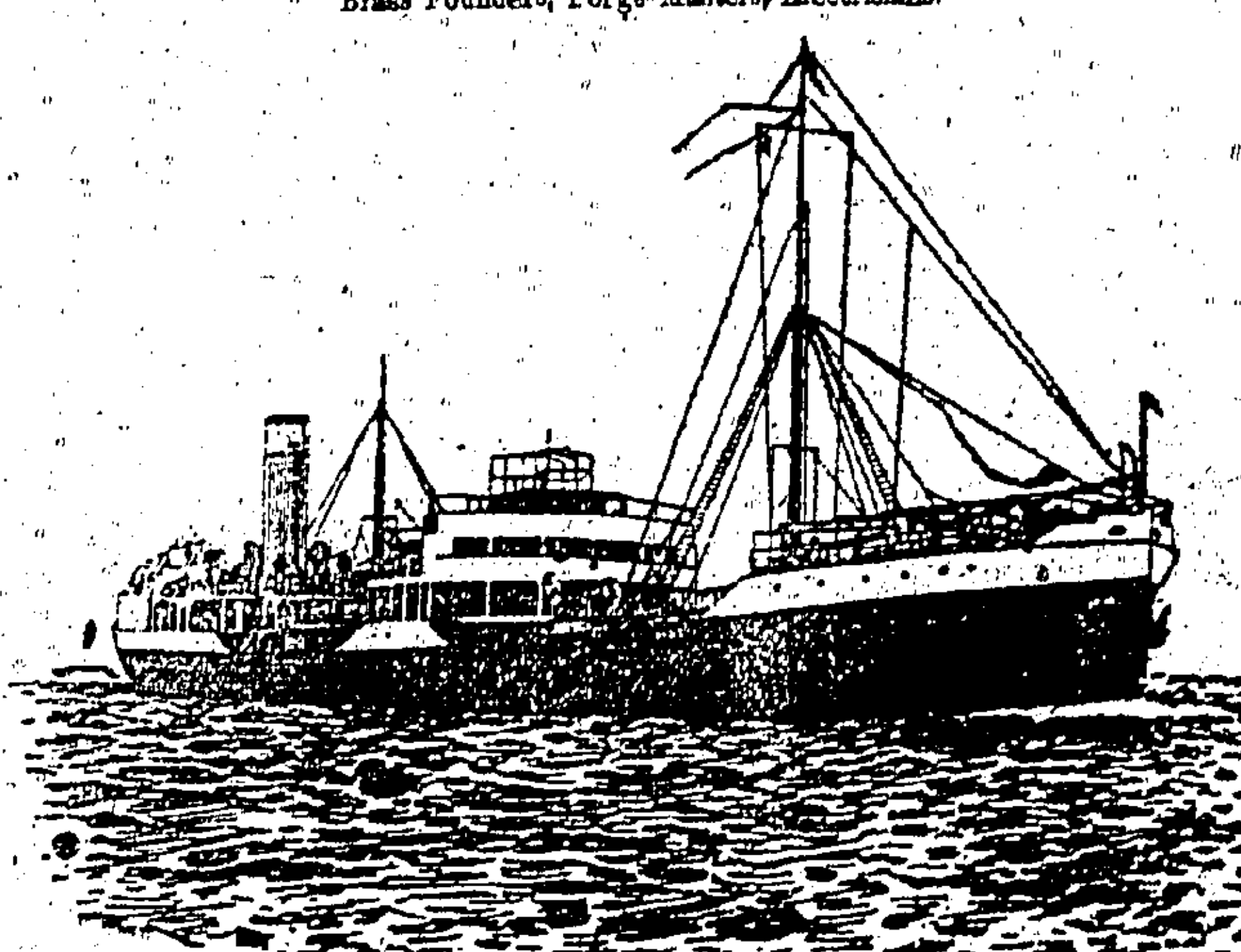
The upper floors will be arranged the famous Captain's Room of Lloyd's, with a smoking-room and special dining-room. In the basement floors there will be the printing establishment of Lloyd's List, safe deposit and strong rooms, and heating and ventilation installations.

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MANILA	"YUENSHANG"	Saturday	2nd May	3 p.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"HOANG"	Saturday	2nd May	8 a.m.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	"FOOHSANG"	Sunday	3rd May	7 a.m.
KORE via AMOI & MOJI	"LAISANG"	Sunday	3rd May	10 a.m.
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	"HANGSANG"	Tuesday	5th May	10 a.m.
BANGKOK via SWATOW	"MAUSANG"	Wednesday	6th May	Noon
SANDAKAN	"CHONGSHING"	Wednesday	6th May	Noon
TIENBIN	"FOOKSANG"	Wednesday	6th May	8 p.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"LEESANG"	Thursday	11th May	10 a.m.
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	"KUMSANG"	Tuesday	12th May	7 a.m.
KORE via AMOI & SHANGHAI	"CHIPSANG"	Thursday	31st May	Noon

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"GLENNES"	28th May	10 a.m.	16th June
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PORTHOS	23rd Apr. "	25th May, "	21st June, "
ANGKOR	7th May, "	8th June, "	5th July, "
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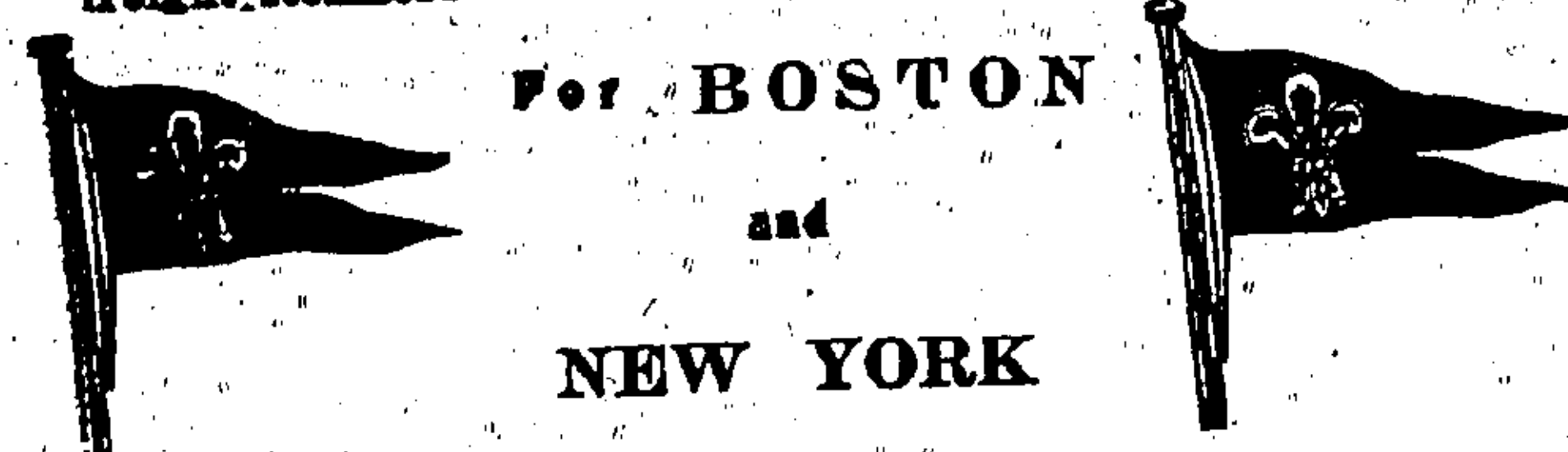
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"ALPORA"	5,373	13th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"SARDINIA"	5,684	18th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"SOUTHERN"	5,686	23rd May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"MOORE"	10,911	30th May	Marseilles & London
"KAGORA"	5,684	31st May	Marseilles, London, A'werp & Hail
"JEPHORE"	5,318	6th June	Singapore & Bombay
"SICILIA"	5,618	11th June	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"KALYAN"	5,118	13th June	Marseilles & London
"MALWA"	10,941	27th June	Marseilles & London
"DELTA"	5,097	11th July	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"KASHMIR"	5,385	11th July	Marseilles & London
"MANTUA"	10,902	24th July	Marseilles, London & A'werp
"SOUTHERN"	5,686	8th Aug.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"KASHGAR"	5,005	8th Aug.	Marseilles, London & A'werp
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	22nd Aug.	Marseilles & London
"SICILIA"	5,618	3rd Sept.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"KALYAN"	5,118	5th Sept.	Marseilles & London
"KARMALA"	5,138	18th Sept.	Marseilles, London & A'werp
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"TILWA"	10,005	5th May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TALAMBA"	5,018	7th May	do.
"TAKLIWA"	7,936	14th May	do.
"TAIRRA"	7,936	25th May	do.
"TAKADA"	5,949	4th June	do.

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"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	30th Apr. 4 p.m.	Masaka, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
"TAKADA"	5,949	3rd June	do.
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"MOORE"	10,911	1st May, 11 a.m.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"SOUTHERN"	5,686	1st May, Noon	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"TAIRRA"	7,936	4th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"TAKADA"	5,949	15th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"SICILIA"	5,618	15th May	Shanghai & Kobe
"TAKADA"	5,949	17th May	Kobe
"MALWA"	10,941	28th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"ARAFURA"	4,000	6th June	Moji & Kobe
"KASHMIR"	5,385	18th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"DELTA"	5,097	12th June	Shanghai & Kobe
"MANTUA"	10,902	24th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	4th July	Moji & Kobe
"KASHGAR"	5,005	10th July	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"SOUTHERN"	5,686	10th July	Shanghai & Kobe
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	24th July	Shanghai Moji & Kobe
"KARMALA"	5,138	7th Aug.	do.
"SICILIA"	5,618	7th Aug.	Shanghai & Kobe
"TAKADA"	5,949	8th Aug.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"KALYAN"	5,118	21st Aug.	Shanghai
"ARAFURA"	4,000	4th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"MALWA"	10,941	12th Sept.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"DELTA"	5,097	18th Sept.	Shanghai & Kobe
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"SOUTHERN"	5,686	2nd Oct.	do.
"MANTUA"	10,902	10th Oct.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	17th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"KASHMIR"	5,385	1st Nov.	do.
"MOORE"	10,911	14th Nov.	do.
"KASHGAR"	5,005	28th Nov.	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	12th Dec.	do.

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Ports	Steamers	Date of Departure
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"KANGCHOW"	On 29th Apr. 3 p.m.
TSINGTAO	"YINGCHOW"	On 29th Apr. 5 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SUICHOW"	On 30th Apr. 11 a.m.
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"TAMING"	On 30th Apr. 11 a.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KUEICHOW"	On 1st May 4 p.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANHUI"	On 2nd May 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"LIANGCHOW"	On 3rd May 10 a.m.
BALIKPAPAN & TULAYAF	"TAIKOOWANTY"	On 3rd May 11 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SOOCHOW"	On 3rd May 11 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"RWANGTUNG"	On 3rd May 11 a.m.
TIENTSIN	"SHANSI"	On 3rd May 4 p.m.
HOIHOW & SINGAPORE	"CHENAN"	On 8th May 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"LUCHOW"	On 8th May 11 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KATING"	On 10th May 11 a.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 11th May 4 p.m.

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